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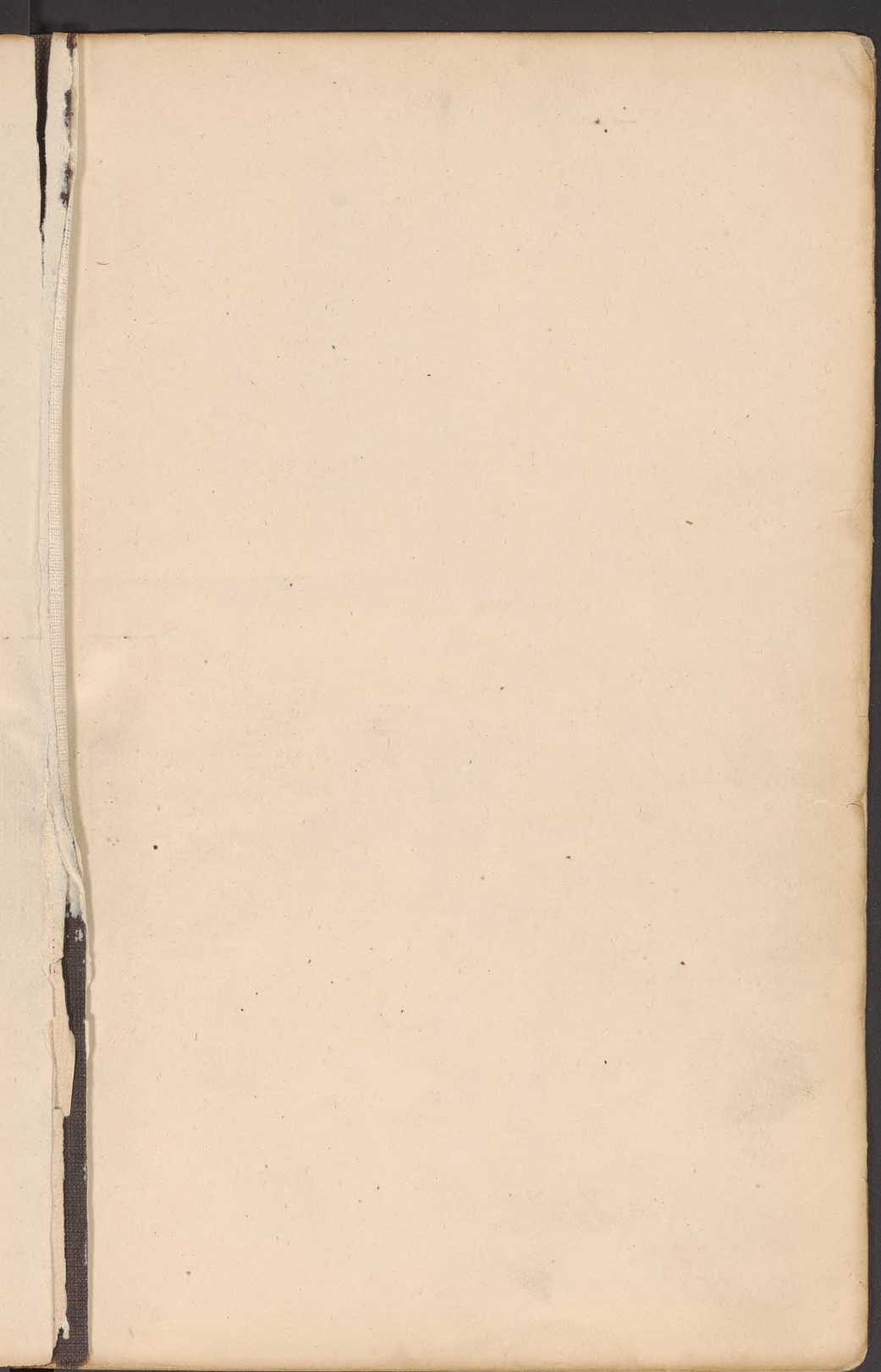


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WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

THE WESTERN VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH commenced its seventh Session in Fairmont, Va., May 31st, 1854, and continued one week; Bishop SCOTT presiding. ALEX. MARTIN, Secretary; Samuel R. Dawson and Richard L. Woodyard, assistant Secretaries.

The following Committees were appointed:—

PUBLIC WORSHIP—Thos. H. Munroe, Moses Titchenell, Jesse Craig.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS—A. J. Lyda, Jacob S. Patterson, Jer. Hare, Asby Stevens.

NECESSITOUS CASES—The Conference Stewards.

MISSIONS—The Presiding Elders.

EDUCATION—Gordon Battelle, Alex. Martin, Wm. Hunter, Samuel R. Dawson, Jas. L. Clark.

BIBLE CAUSE—Samuel G. J. Worthington, Samuel Steele George J. Nixon.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Jas. L. Clark, Alfred A. Reger, Mathias M. Eaton.

PUBLISHING THE MINUTES—Gordon Battelle, Wm. Hunter.

BETHEL CAUSE—Cornelius D. Battelle, Wesley Smith, Geo. W. Arnold.

POST OFFICES—Timothy B. Taylor, Silas Burns.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—Wm. Hunter, Wm. Wilson, Jas. Drummond, S. R. Dawson, Jas. L. Clark, John A. Totten.

TRACT CAUSE—Wm. C. McCarty, Ashford Hall, Alfred A. Reger.

METROPOLITAN CHURCH—Samuel G. J. Worthington.

TEMPERANCE—Richard Northcraft, John W. Reger, Timothy B. Taylor.

TIME FOR CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS—Francis Guthrie, Gordon Battelle.

TO COLLECT SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE EDUCATIONAL FUND—Wesley Smith.

PITTSBURGH CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE—Wm. Hunter, And. J. Lyda, Jacob S. Patterson, John B. Hill, Jas. L. Clark, John A. Williams.

MEMOIRS—Richard L. Brooks, Geo. J. Nixon.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

Question 1.—WHO ARE ADMITTED TO TRIAL?

Joseph B. Feather, Wm. E. Williamson, Vanlinden Sandford, James W. Latham, David O. Carmack, Felix R. Boggess, John Garner, John M. Phelps,

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Alpheus Robe, Richard M. Wallace, Jer. W. Webb, John M. Powell, Charles M'Lane, John Francisco.—14.

Question 2.—WHO REMAIN ON TRIAL?

Eli H. M'Laughlin, Thomas H. Trainer, Isaac M. O'Flyng, Richard Northcraft, Ab. R. Crislip, Henry C. Sandford, Wm. R. Howe, Beacham G. Hull, Jas. T. Carroll.—9.

Question 3.—WHO ARE ADMITTED INTO FULL CONNECTION?

Edward M'Carty, Jas. B. Blackeny, Wm. Hardwick, John B. Hill.—4.

Question 4.—WHO ARE THE DEACONS?

Those marked (*) were ordained this year. Edward M'Carty,* William Hardwick,* Jas. B. Blackeny,* Silas Burns, Calvin Conner, Samuel Steele, Mordicai D. Vaughn, Geo. W. Arnold, Lawson A. Smith, Cyrus Morey, Richard L. Woodyard.—15.

Question 5.—WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR?

Levi Parke, Jas. S. Hall, Spencer King, Daniel H. K. Dix, Jesse Freeland.—5.

Question 6.—WHO HAVE LOCATED THIS YEAR?

Francis H. Reed, John A. Williams.—2.

Question 7.—WHO ARE THE SUPERNUMERARY PREACHERS?

Wm. Summers, Jas. Drummond, Cornelius D. Battelle, David A. M'Ginnis.—4.

Question 8.—WHO ARE THE SUPERANUATED PREACHERS?

Asby Stevens, Jesse Freeland, John Birkett.—3.

Question 9.—WHO HAVE BEEN EXPELLED THIS YEAR?—Ans. none.

Question 10.—WHO HAVE WITHDRAWN THIS YEAR?—Ans. none.

Question 11.—WERE ALL THE PREACHERS EXAMINED?

This was strictly attended to by calling over their names before the Conference.

Question 12.—WHO HAVE DIED THIS YEAR?

Abraham Laughridge. (Second year on Trial.)

Question 13.—WHAT ARE THE NUMBERS IN SOCIETY?

White Members,.....	15,208.
Colored do	406.
Probationers,.....	2,738.
Local Preachers,.....	159.
Traveling Preachers,.....	89.

TOTAL,..... 18,600

(See general Statistics.)

Question 14.—*What amounts are necessary for the Superanuated Preachers, and the Widows and Orphans of Preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not received their regular allowance in the Circuits and Stations?*—Ans. \$4913,66.

Question 15.—*What has been collected on the foregoing [accounts, and how has it been applied?*

Chartered Fund,.....	\$ 35,00
Conference Collections,.....	190,33
	\$225,33

APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS :

D. A. McGinnis,.....	\$40,00	Jesse Freeland,.....	\$40,00
Wm. Summers,.....	40,00	B. G. Hull,.....	10,00
Levi Parke,.....	8,00	Jas. L. Clark,.....	21,76
D. H. K. Dix,.....	5,00	Robert Brooks,.....	5,00
Mrs. Roberts,.....	2,57	T. B. Taylor,.....	5,00
J. A. Totten,.....	5,00	Lewis Janney,.....	10,00
R. M. Wallace,.....	5,00	Cyrus Morey,.....	10,00
W. R. Howe,.....	5,00	J. B. Hill,.....	10,00
Calvin Conner,.....	5,00		

Question 16.—*What has been contributed for the support of Missions, what for the Sunday School Union, what for the publication and circulation of Tracts, and what to aid the American Bible Society?*

Missions, Collections, \$2326,32. (See general Statistics.)
Conference Missionary Society, 129,00

TOTAL, 2455,32

Bible Society,.....\$178,91. (See general Statistics)

S. S. Union,..... 126,26.

Tract Society,..... 39,83.

Tracts distributed,..... 97,55.

Question 17.—*Where are the Preachers stationed this year?*

See appointments.

Question 18.—*Where, and when shall our next Conference be held?*

In WHEELING, VA., MAY 30th, 1855.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The following Local Preachers were elected and ordained Deacons this year, viz: Thomas Sampson, Josiah L. Hawkins, John M. Phelps, Richard M. Wallace.

A. R. Crisslip was continued on trial with the understanding that he be examined on Grammar and Geography next year.

H. C. Sanford and B. G. Hull were, at their own request, continued on trial with the understanding that they be examined next year on the first years course of study.

The character of Robert Brooks and Wm. Smith was passed, with the understanding that they be examined on the fourth years course of Study at the next annual session.

The character of J. A. Totten passed with the understanding that he be examined on the 3d and 4th years' course of study at the next annual session. Chas. A. Cook and Benj. Hardman were discontinued. Adam C. Higgins, and Wm. M'K. Lambdin, were discontinued at their own request.

The accounts for Periodicals, &c., from New York, were placed in the hands of J. L. Read for settlement.

The collections for the Bible Society were placed in the hands of Moses Titchenell; also several articles of jewelry, which he was ordered to dispose of to the best advantage and apply the proceeds as designated by the donors.

David M. Duncan, a Local Preacher, on trial, had appealed from the Quar-

terly Meeting Conference as not having "original jurisdiction" in his case.— This was decided against him by the Presiding Elder. The decision of the P. E. was sustained by the Bishop. The case being presented on its merits was, after some discussion, sent back for a new trial.

The Conference refused to concur in the Troy conference resolutions by a unanimous vote of all (55,) within the Bar at the time of their presentation.

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.												\$	cts	\$	cts							\$	cts	\$	cts								
Clarksburg Station,.....	90	18	7				44	00	Agt.	1	50	23	00									19	41	00	2	25	35	4					
Millford,.....	433	1	44	4			35	00		6	00	3	00									25	00	1	50	12	3						
Weston,.....	375	4	50	6			4	15					2	00								100	10	00		35	10						
Pruntytown,.....	306	18	68	6			48	00		3	65		2	00										8	00	3	66						
Phillippi,.....	637	6	50	5			10	00																		2	00						
Buchanan,.....	187	1	4	1			10	00																									
Burnersville,*.....	329		82	4			13	69																									
Fairmont Station,.....	119	8	32	2					4	17											1				2	25	6						
Marion,.....	403		31	4			46	00		2	00		2	00							5	66	3	16	4	08	40	2	00				
M'Curdysville,*.....	59			50																													
Lumberport,.....	249		40	2			15	00													2	25	1	13	3	00	5	12	16	00			
Mannington,.....	266	2	44	2			10	00													3	17	2	00	4	07			20	00			
Total on Clarksburg District,.....	3453	58	502	36			235	84	16	22	6	50	37	00	39	6	10	8	04	37	85	73	5	04	13	000	12	01	47	59			
WHEELING DISTRICT.												\$	cts	\$	cts							\$	cts	\$	cts								
Wheeling, Fourth Street,....	350	35	12	1			365	65	10	00	15	00									1	26		160	334	3	40	59	76	11	37	150	2
“ North Street,.....	148	2	10	1			36	46	9	50	2	50	2	50							2	32	235	1100	22	45	120	00	6	69	100		
“ Chapline Street,.....	225		35	1			91	50	26	50	6	31									1	25	100	520	1	50	50	00	7	00	34	9	
South Wheeling,.....	113		47	1			52	13	11	19			13	55							3	43	269	600	4		100	42	10	80	130	33	
Wheeling Creek,.....	138		30	1									3	00							2	20	60	140	1	12			2	00	40	20	
Short Creek and Liberty,	134	2	10				25	50	3	18			1	50							3	28	90	530	3	20	37	50	1	60	15	15	
Triadelphia,.....	107	6	17				23	82			1	50	5	00							2	17	100	250			16	00	8	50	3	3	
Elizabethtown,.....	163	7	12	2			58	52	10	00			10	00							1	33	140	426					18	89	3	00	
Grave Creek,.....	450	5	134	2			100	00	2	50											9	101	397	1219	43	118	49	07	2	50	85	85	
New Martinsville,.....	207	5	52	7			7	00													1		30	55							3	3	
Sistersville,.....	243	1	18	1			48	30													2	10	64	150									
Fish Creek*,.....	179	2	12				25	00																									
Total on Wheeling District,.....	2457	65	389	17			835	88	72	87	17	81	39	05	27	341	1645	5324	77	255	451	64	53	46	513		170						

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

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			\$ cts	\$ cts	\$ cts	\$ cts	
Charleston,	70	139	32	14 50	42 00		
Malden,	100	280	1	42 13		3	36 80
Cifton,	50	7	1	1 50			20 30 00
Coal River,	231	116	4	10 00		2	35 186
Logan,	334	3	2	2 85		4	20 100 80
Fores of Coal,	31	14	1				
Sandy,	151	51	1				
Walnut Grove,	90	12	5	34 14	5 00	10	20 30 10
Point Pleasant,	187	18	4	15 00		10	15 00
Grayandotte,	210	1	3	8 00	2 00		7 00
Warr,	220	21	4	11 22	1 00		20 55
Charleston Circuit,	131	1	1				30
Total on the Charleston District,	1515	50	38	139 34	50 00	22	7 15 116

SUMMERVILLE DISTRICT.

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	\$	cts	\$	cts	
Summersville and Meadows River,	1	31	3	13 84	
Rayette and Kautelga,	320				
For's Lick,	178	4	6	00	1 00
Benton,	170	26	5	00	
Gloverly and Randolph,	188	1	2	45 00	4 75
Knaits Creek,	981	13	20	1	21 25
Glenville and Troy,	133	53	1	1 00	
Little Kanawha,	102	38	2	21 82	2 92
Elk River,	395	12	3		
Total On Summersville District,	1533	17	50	21 113 19	8 67

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

Morgantown District,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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STEWARD'S REPORT

OF THE

WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

The claims, receipts and deficiencies are as follows:

Claims,.....	\$22443 15
Receipts,.....	18542 13
Deficiency,.....	3901 02

To question 15, of discipline, what has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?

Chartered Fund,.....	\$ 35 00
Conference Collections,.....	-192 33

TOTAL,.....\$227 33

The above amount would pay about thirty-six per cent. on the claims of the Preachers who have not received their regular allowance on the Circuits, &c. By order of Conference, we apply the funds as follows, without reference to the per centage system. (See page 5. Question 15.)

Respectfully submitted.

A. J. LYDA,	} Stewards.
J. S. PATTERSON,	
J. HARE	
A. STEVENS.	

The Board of Stewards, as the committee on necessitous cases would further report,

Cash on hands—Centenary Fund,.....	\$ 7 30
Conference Collections,.....	29 22

TOTAL,.....\$36 52

Applied as follows:

B. G. HULL,.....	\$3 00	J. L. CLARK,.....	\$14 50
L. JANNY,.....	3 00	J. A. TOTTEN,.....	3 00
L. PARK,.....	3 00	R. M. WALLACE,....	3 00
J. B. HILL,.....	3 00	STATIONERY,.....	1 00
C. MOREY,.....	3 00		
			21 50

15 00

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. LYDA, Chairman.

P. S.—Some inaccuracies will seem to exist in the calculations ; this grows of errors in some of the certificates.

Will brethren please observe the following form in making out their certificates to be handed in to the stewards at Conference.

CLAIMS—For self and wife,.....	\$200 00
One Child under seven years,.....	16 00
One Child over seven years,.....	24 00
Quarterage,.....	240 00
Table Expenses,.....	100 00
House Rent,.....	75 00
TOTAL,.....	415 00
Receipts,.....	325 00

	Deficiency,.....	90 00
Traveling Expenses paid,.....		10 00
F—— Station, |	| A. B.,	R. Steward.

The above will save much difficulty, and many mistakes.

A. J. LYDA.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	PREACHERS.	Children, Over 7, Under 7,		Quarterage,	Table Expenses	Rent,	Total,	Receipts,	Deficiency,	Conf. Collec'tns,	Neces's. Cases.	Traveling Ex.
MORGANTOWN DISTRICT,	H. Z. Adams, P. E.	2	2	250 00	175 00	45 00	500 00	500 00				12 00
do Station.	William Hunter,	3	3	320 00	130 00	P.	450 00	450 00		10 50		
do Circuit,	B. Ison,	1	1	216 00	60 00	45 00	321 00	321 00		15 00		7 50
Monongalia,	G. J. Nixon,	1	1	216 00	84 00	P.	300 00	300 00		1 00		8 00
do	A. Laughridge,			60 00			60 00	60 00				
Palatine,	Jesse Craig,	2	2	232 00	75 00	40 00	347 00	347 00				5 00
Brandonville,	E. M'Carty,			200 00	100 00	P.	300 00	225 66	74 34	2 34		11 25
do	A. C. Higgins,			100 00			100 00	70 00	30 00			5 00
Selbysport,	William Smith,	3	3	272 00	96 00	25 00	393 00	306 59	86 41			15 00
Kingwood &c.,	J. M. Snodgrass,	3	3	272 00	152 00	P.	424 00	224 00		8 00		
Oakland &c.,	M. M. Eaton,	3	3	248 00	103 00		340 68	340 68				10 00
do	J. Francisco.			100 00			100 00	83 32	16 68			
Westernford,	S. King,			100 00			100 00	100 00		3 00		10 00
Blacksville, &c.,	Wm. K. How,	2	2	280 00	100 00		380 00	267 00	113 00			10 00
Barbour,	R. L. Brooks,	1	3	238 00	100 00	25 00	413 00	413 00		6 48		
do	J. B. Feathers,			100 00			100 00	100 00				
Total, : : : : :	: : : : : :						4628 68	4308 25	320 43	46 34		93 25

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT,	Moses Titchenell, P. E.			200 00	75 00	50 00	320 00	320 00			22 00
do Station,	Wm. M. Lambdin,								4 00		
Milford,	Wesley Smith,	3	3	220 00	90 00	P.	310 00	278 72	32 00	2 00	12 00
do	A. Rider,										
Weston,	A. J. Lyda,	1		216 00	150 00	P.	366 00	327 68	39 32	1 37	45 00
do	Phillip Pelley,			75 00			75 00	51 22	23 78		2 90
Pruntytown,	W. C. McCarty,			200 00	75 00		275 00	230 70	44 30	3 66	
do	A. Dixon,			100 00			100 00	84 03	15 97		
Phillippi,	Henry Stevens,			200 00	50 00	P.	250 00	250 00			
do	Elias Bennett,			75 00			75 00	75 00			
Buchanan,	Wm. Wilson,	1		216 00	75 00	P.	291 00	261 50	29 50		40 00
Burnersville,	F. H. Reed,										
Fairmont,	T. H. Munrow,			400 00		P.	400 00	400 00			
Marion,	Asby Stevens,			200 00	75 00		275 00	232 87	42 13		15 00
do	J. M. O'Flyng,			100 00			100 00	78 73	21 27		
Lumberport,	T. H. Trainer,	3		248 00	87 00	25 00	360 00	333 62	16 37	4 50	10 00
Mannington,	A. Vincent,			200 00			200 00	200 00			5 00
Total, : : : : :	: : : : : :						3392 00	3119 07	264 64	15 52	154 90

WHEELING DISTRICT.	Wm. Lynch, P. E.	2	1	256 00	250 00	80 00	586 00	550 60	35 40		14 00
do Fourth Street,	Gordon Battelle,	3	2	296 00	375 00	165 00	836 00	836 00		28 55	37 00
do North Street,	S. G. J. Worthington,	2	2	280 00	178 75	115 00	568 75	568 75			31 25
do Chapline Street,	Jacob S. Patterson,	1	1	240 00	269 12	125 00	634 12	634 12		18 25	15 87
South Wheeling,	Silas Burns,			100 00			100 00	100 00		4 38	
do	Garret Jones,* (Sup.)										
Wheeling Creek,	Bucham G. Hull,	2	2	280 00	65 60	27 00	272 00	175 00	197 00		23 00
Short Creek and Liberty,	Francis Guthrie,		2	248 00	150 00	P	398 00	328 48	69 52	17 30	22 25
Triadelphia,	George W. Arnold,	3		248 00	85 00	P	333 00	311 17	21 27	6 40	17 00
do	Wm. Summers,			200 00			200 00	200 00			
Elizabethtown,	James Drummond,			200 00	180 00	P	380 00	380 00		7 50	8 87
Grave Creek,	A. A. Reger,	3		248 00	115 00	P	393 00	354 00	39 00	2 00	9 00
do	G. W. Richmond,			75 00			75 00	75 00			
New Martinsville,	R. Northcraft,			100 00			100 00	93 36	6 44		11 81
Sistersville,	D. Waddell,			100 00			100 00	100 00		2 80	11 00
Fish Creek,	L. Janny,			200 00	80 00	10 00	290 00	100 20	170 00		10 00
Western S. F. Society,	Cornelius D. Battelle,	1	1	240 00	210 00	100 00	550 00	550 00			
Total, : : : : :	: : : : : :						5885 87	5377 24	738 63	87 18	5 00

*Claim relinquished.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF THE WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	PREACHERS.	Children,		Quartermen,	Table Expenses,	Rent,	Total,	Receipts,	Deficiency,	Conference Collections,	Necessitous Cases,	Traveling Expenses,
		Under 7,	Over 7,									
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT,	J. L. Irwin, P. E.	1	3	288 00	170 00	100 00	495 00	386 24	109 76			49 75
do Station,	S. R. Dawson,	2	2	232 00	150 00	P	382 00	382 00		3 00		18 00
Elizabeth,	Cyrus Morey,	2	3	304 00	75 00	P	379 00	246 24	132 76			5 50
Murphyville,	Wm. Hardwick,			100 00			100 00	80 00	20 00			2 03
Ripley and Mill Creek,	M. D. Vaughn,	1	1	240 00	48 00	12 00	300 00	250 00	50 00			8 00
California,	J. B. Hill,	2		232 00	68 00		300 00	161 56	138 44	1 50		4 00
Williamsport,	Calvin Conner,	2		248 00	100 00	36 00	384 00	221 72	162 28	3 00		4 40
do	Wm. E. Williamson,			100 00			100 00	52 65	47 35			3 25
Hughes River,	Levi Park,	1		216 00	60 00	18 00	294 00	167 00	127 00			3 00
Harrieville,	E. H. M'Glaughlin,			280 00	112 50		382 50	309 00	83 50	1 36		
West Union,	Phillip Green,			100 00			100 00	100 00		2 00	24 22	6 41
do	D. A. M'Ginnis, (Sup.)	2		232 00			232 00	55	231 45			
Middlebourne,	J. M. Dudley,											
Total, : : : : :	: : : : : :						3458 50	2356 96	110249	10 86	24 22	104 83

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.	G. MARTIN, K. E.,	2	3	296 00	100 00	75 00	471 00	402 71	68 29			15 00
do Station,	J. L. Clark,	1	1	240 00	150 00	90 00	480 00	234 66	245 34	4 00		62 00
Malden,	Samuel Steel,			100 00			100 00	100 00				13 00
Clifton,	R. Boggess,											
Coal River,	James H. Hall,			100 00			100 00	80 00	20 00			
do	A. K. Crisslip,			100 00			100 00	80 00	20 00			
Logan,	D. H. K. Dix,			100 00			100 00	44 50	55 44	1 00		5 00
do	V. Sanford,			100 00			100 00	44 50	55 44			5 90
Forks of Coal,	R. Brooks,			200 00	133 87		333 87	152 22	181 64			
Sandy,	B. Hager,	1	1	240 00	50 00		290 00	215 50	74 50			5 00
Walnut Grove,	J. Hare,			100 00			100 00	83 70	16 30			9 00
Point Pleasant,	T. B. Taylor,			200 00	100 00	10 00	310 00	135 40	174 54	3 00		10 00
Guyandotte,	James B. Blakeney,			100 00			100 00	100 00		3 00		10 00
Wayne,	A. Hall,			100 00			100 00	65 97	34 03			8 25
do	H. C. Sanford,			100 00			100 00	69 52	30 48			4 70
Charleston Circuit,	Phelps,			100 00			100 00	82 75	17 25			9 00
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SOMERSVILLE DISTRICT,	James J. Dolliver, P. E.,			100 00			100 00	100 00				18 00
do Circuit,	J. A. Totten,	3		240 00	50 00		298 00	156 00		2 00		4 00
do do	J. T. Carroll,	1		116 00			116 00	57 00	59 00			
Fayette and Rawleigh,	L. A. Smith,	3		248 00	85 00		333 00	268 58	64 42	1 25		21 00
Fork Lick,	J. A. Williams,			200 00	60 00		260 00	192 68	67 32			8 00
Sutton,	R. L. Woodyard,			100 00			100 00	100 00		1 50		1 00
Beverly and Randolph,	R. M. Wallace,	3		248 00	75 00		323 00	201 96	121 04	5 00		20 50
Knalls Creek,	John M'Coy,			100 00			100 00	95 50	4 50			
Glenville and Troy,	W. L. Hindman,	1		216 00	50 00	8 00	274 00	236 66	36 57	1 70		10 71
Little Kanawha,												
Elk River,	B. Hardman,			200 00			200 00	90 63	109 37			
Total, : : : : :	: : : : : :						2098 00	1489 01	604 22	11 45		72 55

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES NORTH W. VIRGINIA ACADEMY.

To the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—The Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy in submitting to you their Annual Report, would express their gratitude to Almighty God for the continued favor and prosperity which still attends this Institution.

Professor Martin, whose Superintendency has met the the unqualified approbation of the Board, and whose able and unceasing devotion to the interests of the Academy endeared him to its patrons and pupils, having determined to enter another field of usefulness, tendered his resignation, which, with much regret, was accepted by the Board and took effect at the close of last session.

After considerable correspondence we deem ourselves happy in having secured the services of Rev. RICHARD A. ARTHUR, A. M., a member of your body, who on the 25th of March, after having been duly recommended by the Visiting Committee, appointed by your Conference, was unanimously elected by the Board as Principal of the Academy.

In view of still further enlarging the operations and extending the usefulness of the School, the Board at the earnest solicitation of many friends, have this session established a FEMALE DEPARTMENT. The former average attendance, while confined exclusively to males, was about seventy. About the same number of females have entered the new department so far this session, which commenced on the 8th inst., making the total attendance at present over one hundred and fifty. In the experience and ability of Rev. Mr. Arthur, and his associate instructors, Mr. Peter G. Davison, Miss Isabella J. Davison, and Miss Helen M'Caully, we have every guarantee that the success which has attended their predecessors will be continued and even enlarged, and may we not hope that the arrangement will be felt as a new claim upon the several members of your body to recommend and encourage the attendance of those of both sexes who may wish to avail themselves of the advantages of thorough education.

As Prof. Arthur has incurred considerable responsibility and expense in entering upon the new plan, we deem it proper to recommend that you extend to him whatever "material aid" you may be able to afford,—and we do this the more freely as there has been up to the commencement of this session no occasion to draw upon the proceeds of the Educational Fund, kindly tendered to the Board by your Conference at its last session. This result has been attained through the attention of our efficient Treasurer, N. Goff, Esq., under whose able management the Institution has so far been kept free from debt or other incumbrance.

Referring you for any additional information to Rev'ds Moses Titchenell, Gordon Battelle, Alex. Martin, and N. Goff, Esq., we have only to express the hope that our action will meet the approbation of your body, and that you will be pleased to confirm and continue the appointment of Prof. Arthur as Principal of the Academy.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

CHAS. LEWIS, President.

W. P. GOFF, Secretary Pro tem.

Clarksburg, May 29th, 1854.

REPORT OF THE W VIRGINIA EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

To cash received in the year 1851,.....	\$ 25 00
To " " " 1852,.....	17 00
To " " " 1853,.....	750 00
Total,.....	\$792 00

The above amount is loaned. Amount of interest received, \$13.92, and expect to receive some \$35 interest about the first of July next. Have paid out interest, \$15, to the present Professor of the N. W. Va., Academy, Rev. R. A. Arthur.

Submitted,

May 20, 1854.

NATHAN GOFF, Treasurer.

MEMORIAL ON FEMALE EDUCATION.

WHEREAS, There is a great destitution of the means of Female Education in this section of Western Virginia, so that we are under the necessity of sending our daughters to institutions of learning in other States. Therefore

Resolved, By the members of the Quarterly Conference of Pt. Pleasant Circuit, that we earnestly request the W. Va., Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, at its next session to appoint a committee, whose duty it shall be to select a situation in the bounds of Charleston District, and take the incipient steps to the erection of a Female Seminary.

G. MARTIN, P. E.

D. L. STARR, Sec'y.

May 13, 1854.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The committee on Education offer the following as their

REPORT No. 1.—The committee learn from the annual report of the Board of Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy, that during the past year the Institution has been opened for the reception of Female as well as Male pupils; that Rev. A. Martin, the late principal of the School, has effected his long cherished desire of relinquishing the duties of the Academy for those of the pastoral relation; and that the Board upon the nomination of the Visiting Committee acting for this body have secured the services of Rev. R. A. Arthur as principal. These several arrangements meet the approval of your committee; and we are glad to learn that the Institution continues to realize a healthy and growing prosperity. Your committee feeling that they can with confidence, commend the Academy to the patronage of the community, offer the following for the consideration of the Conference:

1 *Resolved*, That we the members and preachers of this body will use our influence during the ensuing Conference year to procure the attendance of students at the N. W. Va., Male and Female Academy.

2 *Resolved*, That the Presiding Elder of the Clarksburg District, and the Preachers in charge of Clarksburg and Fairmont Stations, and of Millford, Pruntytown, West Union, and Weston Circuits be a visiting committee to attend the examinations of the ensuing year, and to represent the interests of this Conference in the Academy.

3 *Resolved*, That the Bishop presiding at this Conference, be and is hereby

respectfully requested to re-appoint Rev. R. A. Arthur, A. M., Principal of the Academy.

REPORT No. 2.—The committee have taken into careful consideration the subject of the Educational Fund, a plan for raising which was more fully instituted at our last annual session. The necessity of some such measure as is contemplated in that plan has been repeatedly affirmed by the Conference, and your committee are of the opinion that considerations of weight and importance are constantly accumulating, why the plan in all its essential features should be maintained, in good faith. We are persuaded however, that the Conference did not design nor does it now desire, that the operation of the plan should operate oppressively upon any member or minister of this body. We therefore recommend that the plan of last year for an Educational Fund, be re-affirmed by this body with the modification found in the first resolution below.

1 *Resolved*, That upon the condition of the payment of the interest now due upon the pledges given at last Conference by the preachers to the Educational Fund, no *interest* shall in future be required upon the portion of the principal remaining due.

2 *Resolved*, That after the ensuing Conference year the proceeds of the Educational Fund be devoted to the Academic education of such youths of either sex as the Conference may direct.

3 *Resolved*, That the proceeds of said Fund now in the hands of the Treasurer, be paid to the Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy.

REPORT No. 3.—The committee have had under consideration a communication from the Quarterly Meeting Conference of Pt. Pleasant Circuit, in relation to the establishment of a Female Seminary in that section of the Conference, and asking the appointment of a committee by this body to take the incipient steps in relation to the matter, and we offer the following:

Resolved, That the Presiding Elder of Charleston District; the Preachers in charge of Pt. Pleasant Circuit, and Charleston Station, and Brothers E. W. Newton and D. L. Starr, are hereby constituted a committee to take the subject of the above named communication under their consideration and advisement, and report their proceedings to the next session of this body; provided that this resolution shall not be construed as incurring any pecuniary responsibility on the part of this Conference.

REPORT No. 4.—The committee having had referred to them the subject of a communication to a member of this Conference from Prof. Kingsley, of Allegheny College, in relation to a Biblical department in said College, recommend the adoption of the following:

1 *Resolved*, That this Conference cordially approve of the establishment of a department in Allegheny College that shall furnish the means and appliances of a more thorough instruction in the Holy Scriptures.

2 *Resolved*, That the following named brethren, viz: * Alex. Martin, Wm. Hunter, and Gordon Battelle, be constituted a committee to co-operate with similar committees from the Pittsburgh and Erie Conferences in establishing

a suitable course of study in said Biblical Department, and in the appointment of a Professor in the same.

GORDON BATTELLE,	} Committee.
WM. HUNTER,	
ALEX. MARTIN,	
S. R. DAWSON,	
JAS. L. CLARK,	

*Reported in blank—afterwards filled by nomination in Conference.

TIME FOR ANNUAL COLLECTIONS.

The committee to fix the time for making the Annual Collections recommend that they be made at the following named times, viz:

For the Tract Society, in August; for the Educational Fund, in October; for Missions, in December; for Conference Collection, in February; for Sunday School Union, in April; for American Bible Society, in May.

Fairmont, Va., June 5, 1854.

G. BATTELLE,
FRANCIS GUTHRIE.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

FAIRMONT, Va., June 6th, 1854.

The Committee on Sunday Schools present the following as their report:

Although your Committee are gratified to report an increase in all the departments of the Sunday School statistics, yet they regret that comparatively little has been done in some of these departments. We refer to the collections for the Sunday School Union, and to the limited circulation of the Sunday School Advocate.

Twenty-one charges in the bounds of our Conference report no collections for the present year.

The entire amount of collections reported by our Conference up to 1853, is only \$294 00—while we have received in donations the sum of \$932 00; leaving an excess of donations over contributions of \$638 00.

Of the Sunday School Advocate, there are but 784 copies taken in our bounds. In view of these facts we offer to the consideration of the Conference the following resolutions.

1 *Resolved*, That we hereby pledge ourselves to renew our exertions in the Sunday School cause.

2 *Resolved*, That any brother in charge of a Circuit or Station who shall fail to report a collection for the Sunday School Union at the next Conference, shall be deemed worthy of censure, unless he can assign a satisfactory cause for his failure.

Signed

JAMES L. CLARK,
JOHN W. REGER,
M. M. EATON.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRACTS.

The committee on Tracts present the following as their report in part:

That much good has already been done, and more may be accomplished by the circulation of religious Tracts and Books, is apparent to all acquainted

with this subject. But that we as a Conference have been very negligent in this department of our work, all of us should admit. And while we regret that in the past we did no better, let us at once determine that the future shall show a united effort in this important matter. That our desires may be realized, your committee recommend the organization of a Conference Tract Society, auxiliary to the parent society of the M. E. Church.

For your consideration and a decision, we offer the following constitution.

CONSTITUTION OF A CONFERENCE AUXILIARY.

ART. 1. The title of this society shall be, "The Tract Society of the W. V. Conference, auxiliary to the Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to promote the purposes of the Parent Tract Society, by obtaining funds for it, and circulating Tracts and volumes within the bounds of the Conference.

ART. 3. The payment of one dollar per annum shall constitute a member of this society; the payment of five dollars or more, at one time, shall constitute a member for life; and the payment of twenty dollars at one time a director for life.

ART. 4. The Board of Managers shall consist of a President, who shall be the presiding Bishop of the Conference; of five Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and twenty members—ministers and laymen.

ART. 5. The Treasurer shall remit, as early as possible, funds received by him to the Treasurer of the Parent Society.

ART. 6. The annual meeting of the society shall be held at the session of the Conference, when the Corresponding Secretary shall submit the annual report, the Treasurer exhibit a certified statement of his accounts, and the election of officers and members for the ensuing year be held. There shall also be held an anniversary meeting of the society at the same time and place.

What agency shall be employed has somewhat puzzled us. After reflecting on the subject, we recommend that the preachers be required to act as agents in their respective fields of labor. To make this as efficient as it may be, we offer the following resolutions:

1 *Resolved*, That we will take up collections and subscriptions, during the first quarter, with the understanding that the one-half of the amount be returned to us in tracts.

2 *Resolved*, That we will industriously circulate the tracts in our appointments

W. L. MCARTY, Chairman.

The committee on Tracts offer this as the other part of their report:

While we cannot report hundreds of dollars for the Tract Society, we are grateful to know that this worthy object has had some hold on the hearts of the people. During the Conference year \$42 65 was collected for the Tract Society of the M. E. Church. And in sixteen charges \$112 00 worth of Tracts and tract books were distributed. Some of the preachers have done nobly, others very little, and too many of us, have done nothing at all in this commendable work.

In conclusion, let us ask what it will avail? for us to adopt resolutions from year to year, and our hearts, and heads, and hands, have nothing to do with

them. Let us be consistent with ourselves. And may the great head of the church bless the Tract Society of the Western Virginia Conference.

W. C. McCARTY, Chairman.

Fairmont, Va., June 6th, 1854.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The committee to whom was referred the cause of Temperance, beg leave to report the following as the result of their labors:

WHEREAS, Intemperance in its nature and tendency is withering and blasting in all its moral features—blasting the fair prospects of the aged, and the high aspirations of the youth, and is now sweeping like a mighty deluge all over these lands. Therefore

RESOLVED, By the Western Virginia Conference, that intemperance is one of the greatest evils that curses our land, and blots the pages of our history.

RESOLVED, That we the members of the W. Va. Conference, will wage an unceasing warfare against this monster vice, until his sable flag, foul with the blood of the slain, shall be forever trampled in the dust.

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of this Conference, the traffic in ardent spirits as a beverage, is a chief cause of the evils of intemperance in our land.

Signed,

RICHARD NORTHCRAFT, Chairman.

J. W. REGER,

T. B. TAYLOR, Committee.

REPORT ON THE BETHEL CAUSE.

The committee appointed by this Conference to take into consideration the interests of the Bethel Cause, respectfully report that in their judgment there are reasons strong and numerous, for continuing our hearty approval of, and cheerful co-operations with the "Western Seamen's F. Society." Its field of operation assumes an importance not heretofore generally acknowledged.—It labors to purify, the great channels through which the commercial interests of this country flow. It follows in imitation of the "Great Teacher," our fellow men to the river, the lake, and the ocean; with words of *warning, entreaty and invitation*. The condition of the thousands who do business upon the waters, calls loudly upon the christian church to rush to their rescue.—They have long been neglected. They are "in perils oft"—danger rides upon every wave—a watery grave is beneath them—many of them are orphan boys—temptations are strong and numerous—yet they may be saved through the same instrumentalities by which souls are saved upon the land. Some fruit of the Bethel work has already been gathered into the garner above.—Some have triumphantly exclaimed in their last moments, "*I am safely doubling the Cape*"—while others have shouted with their expiring breath as they neared the port, "*I see land ahead!*" Why should not efforts, as vigorous and untiring, be made to save souls upon the water as upon land?—Are not many of the watermen, the *fathers, husbands, brothers and sons* of christians on shore? Is there not property to the amount of millions of dollars, annually passing through their hands in the commercial trade? Are we not to a great extent, dependent upon them for our *safety and comfort*, in passing along the silvery stream, or over the rolling billows? If then by the

agency of the "Western Seamen's Friend Society," our country's wealth is augmented, our own safety increased, souls saved, and heaven gladdened; shall we throw around it our religious influence, and pour upon it our hearty prayers, and unceasingly cry, *God speed the Bethel Cause!*

Twenty-one ministers of different churches in the West, are now engaged in this whitening field, and we would as a church; contribute our full proportion of laborers for the gathering in of this rich harvest of souls.

Let this work go on until every steamer upon our rivers, and every vessel upon our lakes and oceans, shall become a Bethel; sending forth prayer and praise to God.

Rev. C. D. Battelle, appointed by the Board to superintend the interests of this society, from Maysville, Ky., to Brownsville, Pa., has traveled during the Conference year, 4,750 miles—presented its plans of operation to fifty different congregations, visited 250 boats, and distributed 15,000 pages of Tracts. He has met with much to encourage the belief that lasting good will be the result, both on the land and water.

Bethel churches have recently been erected in Cleveland, Sandusky, Toledo, Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh.

We cannot but express the hope that this gracious work of building churches, distributing tracts, and religious conversation along our public thoroughfares, will be carried on until all engaged therein shall have the gracious tender of a free salvation, and the millennial glory be thereby hastened.

In conclusion, we offer the following resolutions for the adoption of Conference.

I RESOLVED, That the Bethel cause is one of the great benevolent movements which is fully entitled to share in our sympathies and prayers: and we will cheerfully aid the duly authorised agents in the promotion of their work, by cordially commending it to the people of our charges.

2^d RESOLVED, That we earnestly recommend to all christian persons who may be stockholders in railroads or steamboats, to use their influence to prevent *Sabbath desecration and intemperance* among those who are in their employ.

C. D. BATTELLE,
WESLEY SMITH,
G. W. ARNOLD.

Fairmont, June 2, 1854.

RESOLVED, That the Bishop be respectfully requested to re-appoint Brother C. D. Battelle to the Bethel work.

WESLEY SMITH,
GEO. W. ARNOLD.

REPORT ON PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.

The committee on the publication of the Minutes of the Conference, offer the following reasons that have occurred to them in favor of such publication:

1. Such a publication would present the reports, resolutions, plans, collections, and general statistics of the Conference in a cheap, convenient, and portable form, for the use of our preachers and people.

2. It would furnish in the course of years a most invaluable file of Church statistics with regard to all our Districts, Circuits and Stations; placing this file in the hands of every member and minister that might desire them.

3. It would tend to make our people familiar with the operations and re-

quirements of the church; and of consequence greatly increase their active interest in those operations.

Your committee therefore offer the Conference for adoption the following:

1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of this Conference be, and he is hereby requested to procure at as early a date as may be practicable, the publication in pamphlet form of such portions of the proceedings of this body, as he shall judge conducive to the purposes stated in this report.

2 RESOLVED, That the list be now called and each preacher have the opportunity of subscribing and paying such a sum as he may think proper for the publication aforesaid, with the understanding that copies of the minutes to an amount equal to the money paid, shall be returned to each subscriber.

3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Conference be requested upon the publication of the minutes, to forward to each of the Presiding Elders such a number of copies of the minutes as will be equal to the money paid for them by the preachers of his district.

G. BATTELLE,
W. HUNTER.

Fairmont, Va., June 5, 1854.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

The committee on the Bible Cause, deem it necessary only to re-affirm the sentiments of confidence in the American Bible Society, heretofore expressed by this Conference.

We are pleased to notice an increase of Bible collection this year over last of \$26,61. This is encouraging, still we think more might be done. Therefore

RESOLVED, That we still use our untiring efforts to promote the circulation of the Holy Scriptures within the bounds of our Conference.

Respectfully submitted.

S. G. J. WORTHINGTON,
G. J. NIXON,
SAM. STEELE.

Fairmont, Va., June 6, 1854.

PITTSBURGH CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

The Pittsburgh Christian Advocate has long been the principal church paper circulated within our bounds, and we still deem it, as heretofore, worthy of our hearty support, as being perhaps better than any other church paper adapted to our peculiar work and wants. We therefore earnestly recommend it to the patronage of our people, and pledge ourselves to renewed exertions on its behalf.

Respectfully submitted.

W. HUNTER, Chairman.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The committee to whom the subject of Ministerial Support was referred, report as follows:

It is well known that the Ministry, especially of our church, receive in general, a very inadequate compensation for their services. It is also well known that the church generally, has ample pecuniary resources at her command to supply all the wants of her ministers, thus freeing them from worldly care and anxiety, and enabling them to devote their individual energies to the great

work to which they are called. It is therefore highly desirable that the church should awaken to the importance of adequately providing for those who labor with them in word and doctrine. To promote this end the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1 RESOLVED, That in view of the increased price of everything that constitutes family expenses, the committee appointed to estimate the amount necessary for the preachers support for the ensuing year be respectfully requested to take into consideration the propriety of an increase in the preachers allowances, and that the class leaders and stewards be earnestly exhorted to use their best endeavors to raise the full amount of such allowances.

2 RESOLVED, That each Presiding Elder at his first Quarterly meeting for each charge, lay before the Quarterly Conference the above resolution, explain to the Conference the necessity of such increased provision for the support of the preachers; and, also, whenever deemed necessary, to preach upon the subject to the congregation.

Respectfully submitted.

W. HUNTER,
J. S. PATTERSON,
S. R. DAWSON,
W. WILSON,
J. A. TOTTEN,
J. L. CLARKE.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

REV. ABRAHAM LAUGHRIDGE was born October 31st, 1821, in the county of Allegheny, M.I., and died April 22d, 1854, in the village of Granville, Monongalia county, Va. He became awakened and converted to God, and joined the church of his choice some twelve years ago. His life from that time forward was uniform and exemplary before the world; but as a christian he did not seek for those higher attainments in the divine life, consequently when brought near the gates of death some six years after he professed faith in Christ, he trembled and felt he was not ready to pass through them. His prayer was for God to spare him and by his grace he would be a better man. He sought a deeper work of grace, and enjoyed more of the life of God in the soul. In November, 1854, at a Quarterly meeting in Barbour Circuit, he labored to be filled with all the fullness of God. His prayers were answered—he obtained the great blessing of perfect love, which he enjoyed in his soul, and exemplified in his life until the day of his death. He acknowledged himself much indebted to a sainted mother for his religious training, of whom we have heard him speak in tones of much tenderness and pathos. He was licensed to exhort some time in 1850 or 51, which office he filled acceptably and usefully, until he was licensed to preach in 1853, and at the same time was recommended to the Conference for the traveling connection. He was admitted and sent as junior preacher on Monongalia Circuit. His labors were begun in good time, and in the name and spirit of his master.

As an orator he was not brilliant, nor as a logician was he very profound, but his plain practical preaching connected with his fervent zeal and deep piety, gave him promise of much usefulness in the church of God. But how mysterious the ways of divine Providence, and how delusive are earthly

prospects. Little more than half the Conference year had passed when it was discovered that that subtle disease consumption, was fast preying upon his vitals.

Though away from his relatives, every attention was paid him by his friends to check the disease and alleviate his sufferings, during the protracted period of his illness, which was more than four months. His mind was of that peculiar cast that looks at the dark side of every picture. He was not therefore as cheertul as some christians are in afflictions, but continually enjoyed undisturbed peace, and felt unshaken confidence in God. In the morning before he died, after having been in a stupor for some hours, he revived a little, and was asked, "Is your way clear—is your prospect bright?" He answered, "Yes, I have a home in heaven." A further effort was made to speak, but his voice and strength failed him. This last dying testimony was sufficient, and he soon passed away to the land of the pure and the holy. Before his interment, an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Hunter.

G. JAY NIXON,
R. L. BROOKS.

Fairmont, June 6, 1854.

COURSE OF STUDY.

FIRST YEAR.

Bible Doctrines, Benj. Ison,
Watson's Insts. first part, Jeremiah Hare,
Wesley's Christian Perfection, }
English Gram. and Geography, } T. H. Monroe.
Essay or Sermon,

SECOND YEAR.

Bible Sacrament, Wm. C. M'Carty.
Watson's Insts. second part, Jacob S. Patterson.
Peck's Christian Perfection, }
Fletcher's Appeal, } Richard L. Brooks.
Methodist Discipline, }
Essay or Sermon,

THIRD YEAR.

Bible History and Chronology, Gordon Battelle,
Watson's Insts. thirn part, }
Butler's Analogy, } Timothy B. Taylor,
Ruter's Church History, }
Rhetoric and Logic, } A. Martin,
Essay or Sermon.

FOURTH YEAR.

Review of the whole course, James Drummond.
Watson's Insts. part fifth, C. D. Battelle,
Hornis' Introduction, S. G. J. Worthington.
Essay or Sermon.

To preach Missionary Sermon, James L. Clarke. Alternate, S. R. Dawson.
 To EXAMINE LOCAL PREACHERS.
 FOR DEACONS ORDERS, John W. Snodgrass, Ashford Hall.
 FOR ELDERS ORDERS, Wm. Wilson, Lewis Janny.

RESOLUTIONS.

NATIONAL MAGAZINE.

1 RESOLVED, That in view of the intrinsic merits of the National Magazine and the wants of our people, we will endeavor to obtain at least five subscribers each for that periodical, before the first of January next.

JAMES DRUMMOND.

ALEX. MARTIN,

G. BATTELLE.

CONFERENCE MINUTES.

2 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of this Conference be and is hereby requested to procure for the use of this body, full copies of all our published Minutes.

JAMES DRUMMOND,

S. R. DAWSON.

RESOLUTIONS ON TRACTS.

3 RESOLVED, That the members of this Conference be, and are hereby instructed to report distinctly at our next session

1. The amounts of money received for the Tract cause.
2. The number of pages distributed in each charge.
3. The amount (in value and in volumes) of Tract Books sold.
4. Number of conversions justly attributed to the Tract cause among us.

S. R. DAWSON,

J. DRUMMOND.

The following RESOLUTION OF THANKS were presented to Conference and unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

1 RESOLVED, That the thanks of the members of this Conference are hereby most cordially tendered to the citizens of Fairmont, Palatine and vicinity for the generous hospitality with which they have opened their hearts and homes for our reception and entertainment during our stay among them.

2 RESOLVED, That the thanks of this body are due to the pastors and trustees of the several churches, in the places above named, for the tender of their houses to the use of members of this body.

3 RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered to the officers and company of the B. & O. Railroad, and the Bridge company, for the reduction of fare made in behalf of those attending our Annual session.

4 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of this Conference, be requested to furnish a copy of these resolutions to the editors of the newspapers of this place, with a request for their publication.

Fairmont, Va., June 6, 1854.

G. BATTELLE,
J. DRUMMOND.

APPOINTMENTS AND POST OFFICES FOR 1854.

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT, H. Z. Adams, P. E., Morgantown, Monongalia County, Va.

Morgantown Station, W. Hunter,	do	do	do
Morgantown Circuit, J. W. Snodgrass,	do	do	do
Monongalia, G. J. Nixon, C. M'Lane,	Granville,	do	do
Palatine, B. Ison, J. M. Powell,	Palatine, Marion County, Va.		
Brandonville, E. M'Carty, J. W. Latham,	Brandonville, Preston County, Va.		
Selbysport, S. King,	Grantsville, Allegheny County, Md.		
Kingwood, R. L. Brooks, A. Robe,	Kingwood, Prestsn County, Va.		
Oakland, Wm. Smith, J. G ruer,	Oakland, Allegheny " Md.		
Westernford, B. G. Hull,	Westernford, Randolph County, Va.		
Blacksville, L. Janney,	Blacksville, Monongalia " "		
Barbour, J. Craig, J. Francisco,	Evansville, Preston " "		

CLARKSBURG DIST., M. Titchenell, P. E.

Clarksburg Station, T. B. Taylor,	Palatine, Marion County, Va.		
West Milford, J. B. Blakeney, J. W. Webb,	Clarksburg, Harrison County, Va.		
Weston, A. J. Lyda, one to be supplied,	West Milford, " " "		
Pruntytown, G. Jones, one to be supplied,	Weston, Lewis County, "		
Phillippi, H. Stevens, I. M. O'Flyng,	Pruntytown, Taylor County, "		
Buchanan, W. Wilson,	Phillippi, Barbour " "		
Burnersville, J. W. Reger,	Buchanan, Upshur, " "		
Fairmont Station, Thomas H. Monroe,	Burnersville, Barbour " "		
Marion Circuit, Wesley Smith,	Fairmont, Marion " "		
McCurdyville, To be supplied,	Barnetville, " "		
Lumberport, T. H. Trainer,			
Mannington, W. C. M'Carty,	Lumberport, Harrison County, Va.		

R. A. Arthur, Principal of the North-Western Virginia Academy,

Clarksburg, Harrison County, Va.

WHEELING DISTRICT, W. Lynch, P. E.

Wheeling 4th street Station, G. Battelle,	Moundsville, Marshall County, Va.		
Wheeling North street Station, S. G. J. Wor-	Wheeling, Ohio County, Va.		
thington, W. Summers, sup.	do do do		
Wheeling Chapline st., Station, J. S. Patterson,	do do do		
South Wheeling, S. Burns,	do do do		
Wheeling Creek, To be supplied,	do do do		
Short Creek and Liberty, F. Guthrie,	Rock Valley, Marshall County, Va.		
Triadelphia, G. W. Arnold,	West Liberty, Ohio " "		
Elizabeth Station, A. Martin,			
Elizabeth Station, J. Drummond, sup.	Meadville, Pa.		
Grave Creek, A. A. Reger, W. E. Williamson,	Moundsville, Marshall Connty, Va.		
New Martinsville, W. R. Howe,	do do do		
Fish Creek, To be supplied,	New Martinsville, Wetzel do		
C. D. Battelle, Chaplain of the Western Sea-	Adaline, Marshall do		

men's Friend Society,

Wheeling, Ohio County, Va.

PARKERSBURG DIST., J. L. Irwin, P. E.,

Parkersburg Station, S. R. Dawson,	Parkersburg, Wood County, Va.		
Elizabeth Circuit, C. Conner,	do do do		
Murraysville, P. Green,	Elizabeth, Wirt do		
Ripley and Mill Creek, E. H. M'Laughlin,	Murraysville, Jackson do		
California, L. Parke,	Ripley, do do		
Williamsport, Cyrus Morey,	California, do do		
Hughes' River, W. H. Hardwick,	Williamsport, Wood do		
Harrisville, J. B. Hill,	Newport, Wirt do		
West Union, D. Waddell, D. A. M'Ginnis, sup.	Harrisville, Ritchie do		
Middlebourne, J. M. Dudley, One to be sup.	West Union, Dodridge, do		
Sistersville, R. Northcraft,	Middlebourne, Tyler do		
	Sistersville, do do		

APPOINTMENTS AND POST OFFICES FOR 1854.

CHARLESTON DISTRICT, G. Martin, P. E.	Winfield, Putnam County, Va.		
Charleston Station, J. L. Clark,	Kanawha C. H. Kanawha County, Va.		
Charleston Circuit, J. S. Hall,	Garrettsford, do	do	do
Malden Station, S. Steele,	Kanawha Salines, do	do	do
Clifton Circuit, M. D. Vaughn,	Kanawha C. H., do	do	do
Coal River, To be supplied,	Boone C. H., Boone	do	do
Logan, A. R. Crislip,	Logan C. H., Logan	do	do
Hamlin, B. Hager,	Hamlin, Cabell	do	do
Sandy, To be supplied,			
Walnut Grove, A. Hall,	Winfield, Putnam	do	do
Pt. Pleasant, J. A. Totten, H. C. Sanford,	Point Pleasant, Mason	do	do
Guyandotte, J. Hare,	Guyandotte, Cabell	do	do
Wayne, R. L. Woodyard, D. O. Carmack,	Louisa, Lawrence	do	Ky.
SUMMERSVILLE DIST. J. J. Dolliver, P. E.	Sutton, Braxton County, Va.		
Summersville Circuit, Robert Brooks,	Summersville, Nicholas County, Va.		
Mountain Cove, A. Dixon,	Mountain Cove, Fayette	do	do
Fayette and Rawleigh, J. M. Phelps,	Beckleyville, Rawleigh	do	do
Fork Lick, Vanlinden Sanford,	Fork Lick, Nicholas	do	do
Sutton, F. R. Boggess,	Sutton, Braxton	do	do
Beverly and Randolph, R. M. Wallace,	Beverly, Randolph	do	do
Knalls Creek, J. E. Carroll,			
Glenville and Little Kanawha, W. L. Hardman,	Glenville, Gilmor County, Va.		
J. B. Feathers,	Clendening, Kanawha County, Va.		
Elk River, D. H. K. Dix,			

M. M. Eaton, transferred to Pittsburgh Conference.

L. A. Smith, transferred to Iowa Conference.

E. G. Nicholson, transferred to Cincinnati Conference.

SUPERANUATED PREACHERS—Asby Stevens, Jesse Freeland, John Birkett, Beverly, Randolph, County, Va.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The sixth annual meeting of the Western Virginia Conference Missionary Society, was held in the M. E. Church in Fairmont, on the evening of June 5th, 1854. The meeting was called to order by the President (Brother G. Battelle,) and the preachers annual subscriptions were received. After which the following officers were elected for the ensuing Conference year:

President—WILLIAM HUNTER,

Vice President—C. D. BATTELLE,

Secretary—*J. L. Clark*, assistant do. *J. S. Patterson*.

Treasurer—Moses Titchenell,

The religious exercises of the meeting were opened by Brother Worthington, after which addresses were delivered by Brother A. Martin, of the W. V. Conference, and Bro. Taylor, of the Boston Bethel Church. The usual collection was then taken up, amounting to eighteen dollars. And after singing the doxology the meeting was dismissed with the benediction by Brother Taylor.

The following is the financial report for the year ending June 6th, 1854.

Amount received from Circuits and Stations,.....	\$2326 32
Preachers annual subscriptions,.....	71 00
Public collection,.....	18 00

To make Brother Taylor (of Seamen's Bethel) a life member of Parent Society, contributed by the following: S. G. J. Worthington, G. Jones, B. Ison, Wesley Smith, R. L. Brooks, A. Martin, T. B. Taylor, A. Dixon, Wm. Smith, R. L. Woodyard, Wm. Hunter, J. M. O'Flyng, J. B. Blakeney, R. Northcract, S. Steele, A. Hall, W. L. Hindman, G. W. Arnold, C. D. Battelle and S. Burns,.....

.....	\$20 00
To constitute Mrs. Ann E. Baldwin a life member of Conference Society, Wesley Smith, S. R. Dawson, W. C. M'Carty, G. Battelle and Sister Monroe,.....	\$5 00

The following were made life members of the Conference Society by the purchase of certificates, James W. Parsons, Diana Parsons and Rebecca A. Elliott,.....	\$15 00
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TOTAL,.....	\$2455 32
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JAMES L. CLARK, Secretary.

DETAILED REPORT FROM THE CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

The following are the names of the contributors to the Missionary Cause in the bounds of our Conference, so far as they have been reported to us by the preachers. (See discipline.)

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT—BRANDONVILLE CIRCUIT—Wm. McKee, \$2 00; A. D. Crane, 4 00; A. J. Bell, 6 00; Wm. Hagans, 10 00; Virginia Hagans, 1 00; A. 1 00; Harrison Hagans, 17 00; A. F. d. 1 00; Mrs. Hagans, 1 00; Joseph H. & J. E. Gibson, 5 00; Elizabeth Leach, 1 50; E. Brobst, 1 00; Wm. Guthrie, 1 00; J. Shaffer, 50 cts; Public Collection, 83 c.

TOTAL.....\$80 31

OAKLAND CIRCUIT—Isaac McCarty, 1 00; Catharine Townshend, 2 00; Conrad Nise, 1 00; Wm. Eisey, 50 cts; Henry Nine, 50 c; Joseph Friend, 50 c; Andrew McCrobie, 50 c; Elisha Harvy, 50; George Lee, 50 c; John W. White, 1 00; Sundry small subscriptions, 26 94

TOTAL.....\$34 94

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT—LARKSBURG, Alexander Martin, Collector. Nathan G. f. 5 00; Robert Childers, 1 00; James W. Harris, 1 00; Alexander Martin, 5 00; Caroline E. Martin, 5 00; Walter Ebbert, 1 00; Anna da Ebbert, 1 00; Jacob T. Kule, 1 00; Wm. Jamison, 7 00; Charles Lewis, 1 00; Daniel W. Rector, 1 00; Sarah Rector, 50 c; Charles Case, 5 00; Mary A. Stealy, 1 00; Miranda Smith, 1 00; Newton Pew, 50 c; Henry B. Wolf, 1 00; Nathan Dix, 50 c; Richard W. Metherell, 1 00; Julia E. Metherell, 1 00; S. Elizabeth Powkes, 1 00; Miss Sarah Powkes, 1 00; Miss Susan Powkes, 50 c; Miss Martha Brewer, 1 00; Dr. D. Davison, 1 00; Miss Elizabeth Hart, 50 c; Wm. J. Carpenter, 50 c; Catharine S. Hursey, 1 00; Thomas Ott, 1 00; Public collection, 25 c; aggregate of receipts under 50 c, 75 c.

TOTAL.....\$44 00

WHEELING DISTRICT—FOURTH STREET, A. M. Adams, \$30 00; H. K. List, 3 00; J. M. Dillon, 18 00; A. Little, 18 00; A. Armstrong, 12 00; W. D. Matte, 11 00; Rev. G. Battelle, 10 00; J. Holly and wife, 7 00; Isaac Warren, 7 00; R. A. Arthur, 7 00; E. R. Bartleson, 6 00; Rachel Hornbrook, 10 00; R. Hamilton, 6 00; Mr. Sambar, 4 00; D. Zina, 5 00; John Fish, 5 00; E. Davis, 5 00; James K. Rober, 5 00; W. Godrich, 5 00; Capt. Dillon, 5 00; A. Warner, 5 00; M. Warner, 5 00; McHavely, 5 00; V. xley, 20 00; Robert Morrison, 10 00; John McCulloh, 3 00; A. P. Normanly, 3 00; Miss M. A. Clark, 1 00; T. A. Logan, 1 00; W. Seaman, 1 00; H. Williams, 1 00; J. Graves, 1 00; S. W. Woodcock, 1 00; W. Pearson, 1 00; W. Hubbard, 1 00; Mrs. Hamilton, 1 00; Mrs. Fisher, 1 00; E. Coen, 1 00; W. Hamilton, 1 00; M. S. R. Hamilton, 1 00; Joseph Bodley, 20 00; A. J. McCormick, 1 00; Sundry persons per hand of A. Warren, 10 00; Sundry Collections, 89 65.

TOTAL.....\$367 65

CHAPLINE STREET. J. S. Patterson, Collector. C. D. Hubbard, 6 00; Sarah P. Hubbard, 6 00; John G. Rudy, 6 50; Thomas H. List, 5 00; Isaac E. Riquhart, 5 00; Rev. J. S. Patterson, 2 00; James Wilson, 1 50; Jane Wilson, 1 50; E. W. Brady, 1 50; H. W. Echols, 1 50; Dr. G. W. Moore, 1 50; Wm. Greenway, 1 50; S. R. Stephens, 1 50; Joseph Graves, 1 50; James W. Moore, 1 50; Elizabeth A. Patterson, 1 00; Caroline Shumaker, 1 00; Isaac Goudy, 1 00; W. M. Lamblin, 1 00; Stephen Cree, 1 00; Dr. J. Thornburn, 1 00; Amos Silver, 1 00; Webster Stephens, 1 00; John Hornish, 1 00; Ellen Thornburn, 1 00; M. B. Reed, 50 c; Elizabeth Reed, 50 c; Rachel Moore, 50 c; Ann Ringley, 50 c; John Ringley, 50 c; Joseph H. Halsey, 50 c; Jane Lee, 50 c; George Hastings, 50 c; John Russell, 50 c; Elizabeth Russell, 50 c; Andrew Ringley, 50 c; Wm. H. Ringley, 50 c; Obediah Criswell, 50 c; J. Hollishead, 50 c; James H. Goudy, 50 c; J. W. Tuttle, 50 c; Sarah E. Moore, 50 c; Harriet Echols, 50 c; Ellen Moore, 50 c; W. W. Moore, 50 c; Amos Munday, 50 c; Mary Pedley, 50 c; Nancy Stehens, 50 c; John H. Clark, 50 c; basket collection, 25 00.

TOTAL.....\$91 50

SOUTH WHEELING—James Thacher, 1 00; A. Friend, 1 00; Barbary Mill r. 50 c; Joseph Smith, 50 c; James Elmsley, 1 00; Price Jones, 50 c; John R. Johnson, 1 00; Horam V. Vecken, 1 00; F. N. Morrow, 50 c; Wm. A. McMeen, 2 00; James M. Bowers, 50 c; Samuel Groves, 50 c; Shepherd McMeen, 50 c; B. McMeen, 4 00; James Leonard, 1 00; Mrs. I.abella Binde, 50 c; Mrs. Ann Beynon, 50 c; James Robinson, 50 c; Wm. Beynon, 50 c; Joseph Smith, 1 00; John Powell, 50 c; John McRady, 50 c; John Saup, 50 c; Mrs. Mary A. Robinson, 50 c; Michael Dee, 50 c; Thomas Kellar, 50 c; Samuel Croft, 50 c; L. Coats, 50 c; John Zine, 50 c; Wm. Herlop, 50 c; Richard Williams, 1 00; Wm. Connally, 50 c; Henry Shoup, 50 c; Miss L. D. Shaw, 50 c; Miss Ellen Belle, 50 c; Mrs. Margaret Montgomery, 50 c; Isaac Parks, 50 c; W. B. Parks, 1 50; John C. Dean, 1 50; Wm. Montgomery, 2 00; Mrs. Mary Slater, 50 c; Mrs. Christine Marsh, 50 c; Mary A. Parks, 50 c; Mrs. E. C. James, 50 c; Mrs. Elizabeth Nichol, 50 c; A. Friend, 1 00; Miss Mary J. Deen, 20 c; Miss Marie Travise, 50 c; James Winter, 50 c; Robert Slater, 50 c; Wm. Carnahan, 75 c; John Carnahan, 50 c; Samuel Williams, 50 c; A. Friend, 50 c; Mrs. Parks, 1 00; Samuel Deen, 50 c; Collections, 88 c.

TOTAL.....\$52 13

TRIADOLPHIA CIRCUIT. John E. Sison, 1 00; James Reed, 1 00; by a Friend, 1 00; T. Thornburgh, 1 00; A. Davis, 1 00; by a Friend, 1 00; John Killer, 1 00; A. O. Lawson, 50 c; W. Alton, 50 c; C. W. Thornburgh, 50 c; Cash, 50 c; W. Gary, 50 c; B. Springer, 50 c; J. Gary, 50 c; Mary Davis, 50 c; E. Davis, 50 c; M. A. Reed, 50 c; M. Richards, 50 c; W. Gragg, 50 c; M. Gregg, 50 c; A. A. Alison, 50 c; J. Souls, 50 c; T. Ravense, 50 c; S. Wharton, 50 c; W. Wharton, 50 c; James Moun, 50 c; S. M. Williams, 50 c; all sums less than 50 c, 6 82 c.

TOTAL.....\$23 35

ELIZABETH STATION. Rev. Joseph Alexander, 1 00; Sarah Alexander, 1 00; Wm. Alexander, 1 00; Wm. Bost, 50 c; J. Burly, E. q. 2 00; Margaret Burley, 2 00; M. M. Blakmore, 1 00; Julia Ann Blakmore, 1 00; Wm. Cole, 1 00; Rev. James Drummond, 5 00; Catharine Drummond, 2 00; Margaret Davenport, 1 00; Benjamin Davenport, 50 c; Miss L. Davenport, 50 c; Michael Dunn, 2 00; Lucinda Dunn, 1 00; Miss E. V. Dunn, 50 c; Mrs. H. L. Dunn, 50 c; George Edwards, 1 00; Andrew Edwards, 50 c; Christina Edwards, 50 c; W. Gray, E. q. 1 00; Anna da Gray, 1 00; Miss R. J. Gill her, 50 c; Miss R. Gill her, 50 c; R. B. Hunter, 50 c; Enoch Howard, 50 c; Elizabeth Hagan, 2 00; Miss S. C. King, 1 00; Elizabeth Koonz, 50 c; Sarah O. Lockwood, 50 c; Jacob Lockwood, 50 c; Mary Lowe, 50 c; Maria Lane, 1 50; Caroline Morton, 50 c; J. F. Moore, 50 c; W. N. Mudd, 1 50; Miss S. A. Moore, 50 c; John Dunn, 50 c; Samuel Martin, 50 c; Miss R. A. Morris, 50 c; J. K. Nichols, 50 c; W. Olibam, E. q. 1 00; N. O. Powell, 1 00; N. B. Fiersd, 1 00; Samantha Probscoe, 1 00; Julia Ann Reed, 50 c; A. W. Roberts, 50 c; David Staley, 1 00; John St. Clair, 50 c; John S. Sre, 50 c; Miss E. Strawn, 50 c; Miss A. Strawn, 50 c; John Stipzer, 50 c; Mrs. E. C. W. Stidger, 50 c; Dr. G. Stidger, 50 c; Margaret Tomlinson, 50 c; aggregate of sums under 50 c, 3 25; from Sundry School, 5 27.

TOTAL.....\$58 52

NEW MARTINSVILLE—Rev. Richard Northcraft, Collector. Rev. Richard Northcraft, 2 50; Mrs. Mary Harris, 1 00; George W. Leggett, 1 00; Levi M. Low, 50 c; John Millburn, 50 c; Thomas King, 50 c; contributions, 1 00.

TOTAL.....\$7 00

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT—PARKERSBURG STATION. T. A. Cook, 1 00; N. Clark, 50; Mary Heaton, 50c; Elizabeth Miller, 1 00; F. Newberger, 5; D. G. Auld, 1 00; Mary G. Marsh, 50; Elizabeth Cook, 1 00; Ann E. Baldwin, 1 00; Wm. Mays, 1 00; Missionary collection, 6 88; Public Collection, 7 70; by the S. School, 6 00.
TOTAL.....\$28 50

WILLIAMSPORT CIRCUIT. Rev. Rufus Kinghaid, Collector. Rev. Rufus Kinghaid, 5 00; James M. Guthrie, 1 00; David Hazelrigg, 1 00; Mrs. Ward, 1 00; Asbury Athey, 50c; Wm. Hunter, 50c; Mrs. Lyet, 1 00; Contributions, 14 00.
TOTAL.....\$24 00

HUGHES RIVER MISSION—J. H. Higgins, 50c; U. Prebble, 50c; L. Foster, 50c; L. Parke, 50; H. Hawley, 50; M. Bidwell, 5c; Mr. Hall, 50c.
TOTAL.....\$3 50

**HARRISVILLE CIRCUIT—Rev. Elijah Clayton, 5 00; Rev. George Collins, 1 00; Rev. Asbury Law, 1 00; Deborah Law, 5c; John J. Clutter, 50c; Harvey Clutter, 5c; Henry H. Arnold, 50; James Braden, 50c; Ransom Kendall, 1 0; Jemima Braden, 50c; Harris Hill, 50c; Wesley Hammon, 50c; Valentine Butcher, 50c; Eparan Martin, 1 0; James Rider, 1 0; Rev. Thomas Winters, 50; Francis Waggoner, 50; Michael Waggoner, 50c; Anthony Waggoner, 50; Andrew Law, 1 00; Harry Haden, 50; Eliza Collins, 50; Peter Prichard, 1 0; Nathan Snodgrass, 5; George Prichard, 50; John Lawson, 50; Stephen Clayton, 50; Thomas B. Prichard, 75; Lewis Rexroad, 1 00; Jacob Smith, 75c; Thomas Hill, 50c; Sarah Rider, 50c; Owen Watson, 50c; Martha Watson, 50c; Noah K. Rexroad, 50c; Henry Rexroad, 1 00; Jacob Moats, 1 00; Mary Moats, 50c; Sarah Shoar, 50c; David Rider, 50c; James McKinney, 50c; Elizabeth Rexroad, 50c; Sundries, 5 60.
TOTAL.....\$26 90**

SISTERSVILLE CIRCUIT. J. M. Morgan, Collector—Miss H. Galloway, 3 00; Jacob F. Galloway, 1 00; Wm. Gorrell, 50c; Martha Galloway, 50c; Sarah Galloway, 50c; Eli Flesher, 25c; Wilson Calvert, 50c; Daniel Waddell, 1 00; A. P. Allen, 50c; J. M. Morgan, 1 00; Maria Morgan, 1 00; Vaireira Martin, 50c; small sums, 2 87; Miss Taylor and Miss Bayley, Collectors, Daniel Waddell, 1 00; M. V. Gill, 1 00; Thomas Taylor, 1 00; H. E. Bailey, 1 00; Isaac Robey, 50c; Mr. Va. Roy, 50c; E. Pearce, 50c; Harriet Flint, 50c; Joseph Taylor, 50c; Jackson Gill, 50c; John K. Ster, 50c; James L. Bailly, 1 00; G. R. Big, 50c; Mrs. Taylor, 50c; sundries, 2 60. E. B. Brannen, collector, Thomas Statters, 1 00; H. B. M. Culum, 1 00; E. B. Brannen, 2 00; L. Hissom, 1 00; Elizabeth Hissom, 50c; Harriet Dabbins, 50c; Priscilla Huzars, 50c; Rachel Morgan, 50c; L. M. Merch, 3 00; Louisa Marsh, 1 00; Wm. Taylor, 50c; Daniel Waddell, 1 00; Eljah Morgan, 50c; Jane Moore, 50c; Thomas Jones, 1 00; sundries 2 60. E. H. Barr, Collector; J. G. Hickman, 1 00; Charles Yeck, 50c; L. Touts, 50c; E. H. Barre, 50c; G. W. Ripley, 50c; Sundries 2 00.
TOTAL.....\$48 32

**CHARLESTON DISTRICT—Public collection, \$14 50. MALDEN STATION—Rev. S. Steele, 1 00; W. Mahone, 50c; John G. G. sien 50; John G. Damm 50; Simon Williams, 1 00; Saml D. Doyle, 1 00; Matthew Hannah, 5 c; Job Phayer, 50; Joseph Ward, 50c; Joshua Absten, 50c; Fleming Wood, 50c; Alex. C. Clark, 50c; Eliza Clark, 50c; Ots Thayer, 50; Charles Malone, 50; Rachel Caldwell, 50c; Malinda Marshall, 50; Ann Bayless, 50c; Ellen Goshen, 50c; Caroline Tayer, 50c; Teresa G. Gatewood, 50c; Van Buran Gatewood, 5 c; Julia Ann Gatewood, 1 00; Eliza Colman, 50c; Teresa Rudner, 50c; Caroline Christie, 1 00; Catharine Thomas, 50c; Susan Jane Higginson, 50c; sundries 1 6; Missionary box 10 00. St. Pauls—Robert Covey, 1 00; Isabella Covey, 1 00; J. B. Roberts, 50c; Samuel Ellwood, 50c; Archer Campbell, 50c; William Burrell, 50c; John Ferrall, 1 00; Samuel D. Walton, 50c; James Cowey, 50c; James Selfridge, 50c; Sarah J. Reynolds, 1 00; Elizabeth Haswell, 5 c; David Rades, 50c; sundries 87c. Mr. L. L. VET—Joseph Simpson, 50c; Wm. Wince, 50c; Wm. Griffith, 50c; Eliza Dixon, 50; Rodd Norris, 50c; Rachel Harrold, 50c; James Harrold, 50c; Evaline Lavender, 50c; John Canterbury, 50c; Nancy C. Absten, 50; Lucy Slaughter, (col.) 50c.
TOTAL.....\$42 13**

WALNUT GROVE CIRCUIT—Miss Jane A. Summers, 10 00; Mrs. Selina L. Sammers, 10 00; Mr. Lyle Mellan, 3 00; Mrs. Anne M. Mellan, 3 00; Sun. Hrs. 7 13; Rev. J. Hare, 1 00. TOTAL.....\$34 13

**GOVANDOTTE CIRCUIT—James Carroll, 1 00; James Black, 1 00; James Ballard, 1 00; Wm. Mahone, 50c; Joseph Sexton, 50; George Keyser, 50c; Miss Mary Black, 50c; Rev. J. B. Blakeney, 1 00; Perry Ballard, 50c; Edward Wright, 50c; unknown, 50c.
TOTAL.....\$8 00**

**SUMMERSVILLE DISTRICT—SUMMERSVILLE CIRCUIT—Squire Fitzwater, 5 00; James Grose Jr., 50c; Rev. J. A. Totten, 1 00; Julia Totten, 50c; Rev. J. T. Carroll, 1 00; Charles Fitzwater, 66c; Jane Fitzwater, 66c; Mary Fitzwater, 66c; W. J. Farr, 2 90; sundries 1 14.
TOTAL.....\$13 84**

**FAYETTE AND RAWLEIGH—Dr. J. Roberts, 50c; Gen. A. Beckley, 50c; James B. Beckley, 50c; Sue V. Knuckles, 50c; Abraham Bragg, 50c; John Beckley, 50c; A. J. Platt, 50c; A. J. Miller, 50c; Minerva J. Perkins, 50c; Sarah Cassidy, 50c; J. S. Cassidy, 50; J. B. Jones, 50c.
TOTAL.....\$6 00**

**SUTTON CIRCUIT—Rev. Charles Molohan, 2 00; John Morrison, 1 00; James Morrison, 1 00; Dr. Wm. H. Jew, 1 00; Arnold Molohan, 1 00; Michael Kollyson, 1 00; Thomas Dobbins, 50c; Samuel R. Dobbins, 50c; James H. Rollyson, 50; Mrs. Labeila Dobbins, 50; Samuel Dobbins, 50; Benjamin Dobbins, 50c; Francis Scott, 50c; Wm. W. Hickman, 50; Mrs. Mary Byrne, 1 00; Mrs. Elizabeth Byrne, 50; John N. Riffe, 75c; John Bender, 75c; Wm. Huffman, 50; Mrs. Mary A. Huffman, 50c; Miss Mahulda Jordan, 50c; Jonathan Young, 50c; Silas James, 50; B. Z. Young, 50; Adam R. Given, 50; Edward W. Ware, 50c; Adam Horrick, 50c; Wm. H. Molohan, 50; Mrs. Malinda Molohan, 50; Morgan Dyer, 50c; Felix Smith, 50; Francis C. Boggs, 50c; Mrs. Temperance Friend, 50c; Elizabeth Taylor, 50c; George S. Colter, 50c; Sundries, 22 50.
TOTAL.....\$45 00**

**GLENVILLE CIRCUIT, R. Whiting Collector—R. Whiting, 2 50; Mrs. Whiting, 2 50; B. D. Shepherd, 50c; Mrs. R. H. Shepherd, 50c; J. P. W. Holt, 50; James F. Beall, 50c; sundries 1 35. C. Wyant, Collector, Mrs. Mary Stout, 50c; Samuel W. Pherson, 50c; sundries 1 30. B. Schoonover, Collector, 50c; sundries 1 05. H. Seeth Collector, 1 00; sundries 62c; public collection at Glenville, 8 00.
TOTAL.....\$21 62**

JAMES L. CLARK, Secretary.

ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE TRACT SOCIETY.

The Tract Society of the W. V. Conference, auxiliary to the Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The hour appointed for organizing the above Society having arrived, the meeting was called to order by Brother T. A. Monroe, when Brother C. D. Battelle was nominated and elected Chairman, and Samuel Steele, Sec'y.

Prayer by Brother T. H. W. Monroe of Baltimore Conference.

The object of the meeting was then briefly stated by the Chairman, namely, to elect the officers of the abovesociety, for the ensuing year. Article 4th of the constitution having been read, the meeting proceeded to nominate and elect its officers as follows:

President—BISHOP L. SCOTT.

Vice Presidents—C. D. BATTELLE, PHILIP GREEN, W. T. WILLEY, NATHAN GOFF, C. D. HUBBARD.

Corresponding Secretary—A. Martin. Recording Secretary—Samuel Steele. Treasurer—C. D. Hubbard.

MANAGERS—Messrs. Alexander Armstrong, W. P. Wilson, A. M. Adams, Robert Hamilton, Wm. Exley, Jacob Arndt, Henry Echols, James Baggs, James Bodley, Thomas H. List, Laymen. Rev'ds G. Battelle, J. L. Clark, Wesley Smith, J. S. Patterson, Wm. Hunter, S. R. Dawson, A. J. Lyda, W. C. M'Carty, James Drummond, S. G. J. Worthington, Ministers. The meeting was then addressed by Brother DeHass, of the Pittsburgh Conference, and Brother Stevens, Corresponding Secretary of the Parent Society, after which a collection was taken up. Amount, \$25 00.

On a proposition to make Bishop Scott a life member of the Parent Society, the following brethren subscribed, viz: Andrew Dixon, A. A. Reger, each 2 00,

\$4 00

J. A. Totten, Louis, O'Flyng, W. C. M'Carty, Sam'l Steele, G. W. Richmond, J. M. Phelps, Sandford, V. P. Gorby, T. F. Henderson, B. Hagar, H. S. Smith, S. Burns, G. J. Nixon, R. Northcraft, D. Waddell, C. Conner, H. Stevens, R. A. Arthur, J. I. Dolliver, J. Drummond, each 1 00,

\$21 00

\$50 00

The meeting then adjourned.

Signed

C. D. BATTELLE Chairman.

SAM'L STEELE, Secretary.

THE FINANCIAL PLAN ADOPTED AT A FORMER CONFERENCE SESSION.

1 RESOLVED, That a meeting of the stewards and preacher or preachers, in each circuit or station, be held on the third Saturday after the close of each annual conference; the place of holding the meeting to be designated by the last quarterly conference for the year; but that the first quarterly meeting for the present year be the time of holding the first meeting.

2 RESOLVED, That it be the duty of the stewards at this meeting to make an estimate of the amount necessary to furnish house rent, fuel, and table expenses, for the family or families of the preacher or preachers appointed to

labor for them; the claims for quarterage shall then be added to the above estimate; and it shall be the duty of this meeting to divide the whole amount among the several classes of the circuit or station, according to their number, circumstances and privileges.

3 RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of this meeting to district the circuit or station among the stewards, giving each his proportion of the classes to attend to during the year.

4 RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of each steward, as soon as the estimate shall have been made, to inform each class within his district of the amount apportioned to them, and to inquire of each member what he or she is willing to give per week, according to Mr. Wesley's plan, or quarterly, for the support of the gospel, in the circuit or station, and to write this opposite his or her name in the class-book.

5 RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of each leader or class-steward to see that this amount is regularly collected, and placed in the hands of the stewards or preacher weekly or quarterly.

6 RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of the stewards to circulate a subscription paper, for the support of the gospel, at all the appointments where it may be deemed expedient, among those persons who are not members of the church, but are in the habit of attending upon our ministry.

7 RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of each Presiding Elder, in every quarterly conference of his district, to have the name of each leader called by the Secretary, and at the same time report the apportionment of his class, the amount received, and the deficiency, if any. To inquire if there be any of our members who refuse to contribute to the support of the gospel; and if any, their reasons for thus refusing. If their excuses are not satisfactory, it shall be the duty of the steward of that district of the circuit or station, or the preacher in charge, to visit them and try to convince them of the great evil that must result from such a principle, if carried out.

8 RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of the stewards, at every quarterly meeting, to make a report to all the members present, of the state of the finances of the circuit or station—stating the amount received, and the deficiency, if any, of each class.

9 RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of the leader of every class that may be reported deficient, to inform his class immediately after the quarterly meeting, of the amount of their deficiencies, individually.

10 RESOLVED, That each Presiding Elder be respectfully requested to inform this conference, when he represents his district, whether this financial system has been attended to in all his charges.

11 RESOLVED, That the Presiding Elders at the first quarterly meeting of this year, in each circuit and station, bring the subject before the conference, that the stewards may be confirmed as the estimating committee provided for in the Discipline—part 3, chap. 3, sec. 2, paragraph 6.

12 RESOLVED, That the last quarterly conference of this year be requested to appoint the stewards an estimating committee for the ensuing year, in conformity with the Discipline and this plan.

RULES OF ORDER ADOPTED FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE W. V. CONFERENCE.

- 1 The Conference shall meet at 8 o'clock, A. M., and adjourn at 12 M.
- 2 The President shall take the chair, precisely at the hour to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by reading the Scriptures, Singing and Prayer, and shall have the minutes of the preceding day read and approved.
- 3 He shall see that all business appertaining to the conference be brought forward, and conducted as directed by the Discipline.
- 4 He shall preserve order in all the proceedings; and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of such an appeal, the question shall be taken without debate.
- 5 He shall plainly state every question, and put the same to vote whenever called for; and all motions, or resolutions introduced by any member, shall be reduced to writing, if the president, secretary, or any member request it.
- 6 When a motion or resolution is made and recorded, or a report presented and read by the Secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the conference; but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover, before decision or amendment.
- 7 No new motion shall be made, until the one under consideration is disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection; unless one of the following should intervene, (which motion shall have precedence in the order in which they are placed) viz: indefinite postponement, or to a limited time—to amend, or lie on the table.
- 8 Every speaker, on any subject, shall rise and address the President, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the question, or from the rule and decorum of the conference.
- 9 No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice upon the same question, nor more than fifteen minutes at once, unless he obtain leave of the conference, which shall be decided by vote without debate.
- 10 If in debate, one member misrepresent the arguments of another, the member who is misrepresented, shall have liberty to rise and explain, and the other shall remain silent until such explanation be given.
- 11 When any member conceives that another is out of order, he may call the attention of the President to the case.
- 12 When speaking, each member shall have due regard to the feelings of his brethren, by avoiding irritating language and personal reflections.
- 13 When any motion or resolution shall have passed, it shall be in order for any person who voted in the majority to move for a reconsideration.
- 14 No member shall absent himself from the services of the conference, without the leave of the conference, unless he be sick or unable to attend.
- 15 No member shall be allowed to vote on any question, who is not within the bar at the time when the question is put by the President, except by leave of the conference; and every member who shall be within the bar at the time the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the conference for special reasons excuse him.
- 16 No motion shall be considered unless seconded.

17 The Secretary of the conference, shall keep a journal of all the proceedings, and when approved, shall record the same in a book provided for that purpose. He shall call the list at the opening of each session, noting the absentees. He shall take chage of the journals, and all conference papers, keep them safe, and have them forwarded to the place of the conference sessions.

18 He shall allow no copy of papers, or extracts from the journals of the conference, to be taken, without the leave of the conference.

19 No preacher shall bring any charge against any member of the conference, until he has first given information of the same, either by letter or otherwise, so as the accused may have an opportunity of defense.

20 The President shall appoint all committees, not otherwise specially ordered by the conference.

21 A motion to adjourn, shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

METROPOLITAN CHURCH.

A list of the names of subscribers to the Metropolitan Church, to be built in Washington, D. C.

H. Z. Adams, \$25 00; S. G. J. Worthington, 10 00; Philip Green, 3 00; Jesse Craig, 5 00; George J. Nixon, 5 00; Wm. Smith, 5 00; J. W. Snodgrass, 3 00; Addison Nichols, 5 00; R. L. Brooks, 5 00; Silas Burns, 5 00; Moses Titchenell, 20 00; F. H. Reed, 10 00; John A. Williams 5 00; Thomas H. Monroe, 10 00; John W. Reger, 10 00; Asby Stephens, 5 00; William Hunter, 10 00; Alexander Martin, 5 00; James J. Dolliver, 10 00; Gideon Martin, 10 00; Gordon Battelle, 5 00; T. B. Taylor, 10 00; John A. Totten, 5 00; Ashford Hall, 5 00; Lawson A. Smith, 5 00; Wilson L. Hindman, 5 00; Samuel Steele, 10 00; John M. Dudley, 5 00; Levi Park, 2 00; Francis Guthrie, 5 00; Wm. Lynch, 10 00; S. R. Dawson, 5 00; C. D. Battelle, 5 00; George W. Arnold, 5 00; John L. Irwin, 10 00; James Drummond, 5 00; Lewis Janney, 5 00; A. A. Reger, 5 00; Wesley Smith, 5 00; B. G. Hull, 20 00; A. Price, 5 00; Felix R. Boggess, 5 00; John Francisco, 5 00; John M. Phelps, 5 00; A. C. Higgins, 5 00; E. H. M'Laughlin, 2 00; Uriah B. Lough, 5 00; Benjamin Ison, 5 00; Eldridge Burr, 1 00; George S. Riddle, 1 00; J. C. Spalding, 1 00; David Bennett, 1 00.

Total amount,.....\$329 00

S. G. J. WORTHINGTON, Treasurer.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

FAIRMONT, VA., June 5th, 1854.

Wesley Smith received of the funds for the Educational Society of Western Va., in account with the Treasurer of said Society. Receipts as follows:—James Drummond, from Elizabeth Station, principal, \$31 10
 “ “ Paid by himself,.....19 00
 “ “ Interest,.....6 00

Whole amount paid by J. Drummond,.....\$56 10

J. S. Patterson, principal, \$10 00, interest \$6 00, \$16 00; Wm. Lynch, 10 00, interest 6 00, 16 00; Ben. Ison, interest 6 00, 6 00; G. J. Nixon, 10 00, interest 6 00, 16 00; S. R. Dawson, 6 00; J. A. Totten, 6 00; J. M. Dudley, 6 00; J. J. Dolliver, 6 00; S. G. J. Worthington, 6 00; C. D. Battelle, 6 00; Alex. Martin, 10 00, interest 6 00, 16 00; G. W. Arnold, 13 00, interest 6 00, 24 00; E. M'Carty, 10 00, interest 6 00, 16 00; D. H. K. Dlx, 6 00; Wm. Smith, 6 00; Ben. Hagar, 6 00; Wm. Hunter, 6 00; W. L. Hindman old subscription, 4 50; M. M. Eaton, principal 2 72, interest 6 00, 8 72; T. H. Monroe, 6 00; J. L. Clarke 10 00, 6 00,

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THE MINUTES
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WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

The Eighth Annual Session of the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was held in Wheeling, Va., commencing May 30th, 1855, and continuing till June 6th, 1855.

OFFICERS.—Rev. Bishop Thomas A. Morris, President; Alexander Martin, Secretary; Samuel R. Dawson, Assistant; and Richard L. Woodyard Recording Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

ON PUBLIC WORSHIP.—S. G. J. Worthington, G. Battelle, J. S. Patterson.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS.—A. J. Lyda, J. S. Patterson, J. Hare, J. W. Webb.

NECESSITOUS CASES.—The Conference Stewards.

MISSIONS.—The Presiding Elders.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—Wesley Smith, J. L. Clark, Benj. Ison, Francis Guthrie, Richard Northcraft, Wilson L. Hindman.

TRACTS.—John W. Snodgrass, Thos. H. Monroe, A. A. Reger, J. B. Hill, Sam'l. Steele, Andrew Dixon.

EDUCATION.—G. Battelle, A. Martin, R. A. Arthur, J. L. Clark, S. R. Dawson.

MEMOIRS.—J. Drummond, S. G. J. Worthington, J. B. Hill.

BIBLE CAUSE.—G. J. Nixon, W. Wilson, D. Waddle, D. H. K. Dix.

PITTSBURGH CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.—W. Hunter, T. B. Taylor, G. Battelle, J. L. Clark, Robert Brooks.

TEMPERANCE.—J. W. Snodgrass, J. B. Blakeny, C. D. Battelle, J. M. Dudley, Jas. S. Hall, W. L. Hindman.

PARSONAGES.—W. Hunter, T. H. Monroe, J. S. Patterson, L. Park, M. D. Vaughn, A. Dixon.

S. R. Dawson was appointed Reporter for the Daily Papers.

QUESTIONS OF THE GENERAL MINUTES.

Question 1.—WHO ARE ADMITTED ON TRIAL?

Paul Vandervort, Marcellus Allen, Andrew W. Gregg, M. Shower, Samuel Jones, D. O. Stuart, Joseph H. Temple, W. D. Sanford, Robert Hagar, (re-admitted,) John A. Williams.—10.

Question 2.—WHO REMAIN ON TRIAL?

Wm. E. Williamson, Vanlinden Sanford, James W. Latham, Felix R. Boggess, John Garner, John M. Phelps, Alpheus Robe, Jeremiah W. Webb, Richard M. Wallace, John M. Powell, A. R. Crislip, Henry C. Sanford, Isaac M. O'Flyng, J. B. Feather, D. O. Carmack.—15.

Question 3.—WHO ARE ADMITTED INTO FULL CONNECTION?

Thomas H. Trainer, Wm. R. Howe, James T. Carroll, Jr., Richard Northcraft.—4.

Question 4.—WHO ARE THE DEACONS?

Those marked thus (*) were ordained this year. Thos. H. Trainer,* W. R. Howe,* James T. Carroll, Jr.,* Edward McCarty, James B. Blakeny, Jno. B. Hill, Wm. Smith.—7.

Question 5.—WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR?—Calvin Conner, Samuel Steele, Mordicai D. Vaughn, George W. Arnold, Cyrus Morey, Richard L. Woodyard.—6.

Question 6.—WHO HAVE LOCATED THIS YEAR?—John A. Totten.—1.

Question 7.—WHO ARE THE SUPERNUMERARY PREACHERS?

D. A. McGinnis, G. J. Nixon, Daniel Waddle, Lewis Janny.—4.

Question 8.—WHO ARE THE SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS?

John Birkett, Jesse Freeland, Garrett Jones, Wm. Hardwick.—4.

Question 9.—WHO HAVE BEEN EXPELLED THIS YEAR?—Ans. none.

Question 10.—WHO HAVE WITHDRAWN THIS YEAR?—Ans. none.

Question 11.—WERE ALL THE PREACHERS EXAMINED THIS YEAR?

This was strictly attended to by calling over their names before the Conference,

Question 12.—WHO HAVE DIED THIS YEAR?

Silas Burns, Wm. Summers, Eli H. McLaughlin, (Second year on trial.) See memoirs.

Question 13.—WHAT ARE THE NUMBERS IN SOCIETY?

White Members,.....15,354 Colored,.....561

Probationers,.....3,334

Local Preachers,.....168

Total this year,.....18,856

Last year,.....18,105

Increase,.....751

561

406

55

(See general Statistics.)

Question 14.—What amounts are necessary for the Superannuated Preachers, and the Widows and Orphans of Preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not received their regular allowance on the circuits?—Ans. \$4,054 14

Question 15.— *What has been collected on the foregoing accounts and how has it been applied?*

Chartered Fund,.....	\$ 37 00
Conference Collections,.....	144 00

\$181 00

The foregoing Collections were divided as follows:

D. A. M'Ginnis,.....	\$18,00	Jno. M. Dudley,.....	\$5,00
Widow Summers,.....	18,00	Garrett Jones,.....	5,00
Jesse Freeland,.....	18,00	A. R. Crislip,.....	5,00
Cyrus Morey,.....	11,16	Rob't. Brooks,.....	5,00
M. D. Vaughn,.....	12,00	W. L. Hindman,.....	5,00
Benj. Hagar,.....	12,00	J. Garner,.....	5,00
J. M. Phelps,.....	14,00	C. Conner,.....	3,00
Jer. Hare,.....	6,00	E. M'Carty,.....	3,00
Widow McLaughlin,.....	5,00	D. H. K. Dix,.....	3,00
D. A. McGilton,.....	10,00	W. R. Howe,.....	10,00
		Widow Roberts,.....	2,63

Question 16.— *What has been contributed for the support of Missions, what for the Sunday School Union, what for the publication and circulation of Tracts, and what to aid the American Bible Society?*

Missions,.....	\$1,963 91	(See general Statistics.)
Sunday School Union,...	97 80	
Bible Society,.....	110 80	
Tract Society,.....	170 50	

Question 17.— *Where are the Preachers stationed?*

See Appointments.

Question 18.— *When and where shall our next Conference be held?*

In Buckhanon, Upshur Co., Va., the second Wednesday in June 1856.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The following Local Preachers were elected and ordained Deacons this year, viz: Fletcher Brock, Robert Hagar, Jonathan Polin was recommended to receive Deacons' Orders but was not elected.

The Conference refused to concur in the Erie Conference resolutions on Slavery, by the unanimous vote of all (56) within the bar at the time they were presented. The Conference also non-concurred in the resolutions from the North Ohio Conference, by a vote of fifty-five (55) yeas, none against. The resolutions from the Wisconsin Conference were also non-concurred in by a unanimous vote of fifty-five (55).

Charles M'Lane, John Francisco, B. G. Hull were discontinued at their own request.

Gideon Martin, James Drummond, Gordon Battelle, were elected delegates to the General Conference to meet May 1st. 1856. William Lynch and William Hunter were elected Reserve delegates.

A. J. Lyda was appointed to receive the proportion of the Centenary

Fund due this Conference, and disburse it according to the rule adopted for disbursing the Conference Collections.

The claim of the Western Book Concern against John A. Totten was referred to A. Dixon for collection.

Also the claim against G. Slack, was referred to the Preacher stationed in Charleston.

Also the claim against E. H. McLaughlin, dec'd. was referred to J. L. Irwin.

Thos. H. Monroe, and J. Drummond were authorized on the part of the Conference to receive certain shares of stock in the Fairmont and Palantine Bridge Company, tendered to this Conference by Mrs. Philadelphia Burns.

J. L. Irwin was authorized to make a proper disposition of a parcel of land left as a bequest to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by Mrs. Thatcher, and apply the proceeds as devised by the deceased.

The Trustees of Wesley Chapel, near Beverly, Randolph Co., Va., were authorized to apply the money accruing from the sale of said Chapel, to discharge a debt on the Parsonage of Beverly Circuit.

The Conference ordered that the collections to defray the expenses of Delegates to the next General Conference be taken in the month of September.

The Conference re-adopted the financial plan of a former session, for the present year.

Wesley Smith was re-appointed to collect the subscriptions for the Educational Fund the present year.

The times for lifting the collections last year, were fixed upon for lifting the collections this year.

The Preacher stationed in Buckhanon and the Presiding Elder of Clarksburg District, were appointed a committee to make suitable arrangements before the next annual session of this Conference, for all the Conference Anniversaries.

The committee on the Female Seminary in the bounds of Charleston District, made a verbal report, and the Conference re-appointed the committee of last year.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	Members.				Monies.			Tracts.				
	Whites.....	Probationers.....	Colored.....	Local Preachers.....	Missions.....	Sabbath Schools.....	Bible Society.....	Tract Cause.....	Pages Distributed.....	No. of Volumes.....	Value of Volumes.....	Conversions.....
Morgantown District.												
Morgantown Station.....	143	23	15		339 22	7 00	5 00	7 69				
do. Circuit.....	355	88	1	2	38 53	8 00	6 21					
Monongalia.....	500	80	4	4	23 00	2 00	2 00					
Palatine.....	370	117	3	4	49 23	4 41	2 15	31 45	30 000	118 30	43	
Brandonville.....	268	50		3	29 43			5 00				
Selbysport.....	187	55	2	5								
Kingwood.....	408	49	5	3	66 12		3 37			20 5	00	
Oakland.....	286	67	3									
Westernford.....	265	18	6									
Blacksville.....	188	20		1	23 10	3 00		5 10	3 017			
Barbour.....	650	165	4	2	109 00	5 36	12 75			250 60	00	
TOTAL.....	3620	732	43	24	677 63	27 77	31 48	49 24	33 017	388 95	43	
Clarksburg District.												
Clarksburg Station.....	70	40	23		10 00	2 00		4 00				
West Milford.....	570	77	5	5	40 00		3 00	4 50		20 8	00	
Weston.....	357	74	10	8	5 00	7 00	1 00	2 00	3000			
Pruntytown.....	322	102	11	6	12 00	6 29	6 29					
Phillippi.....	536	140	3	7	11 56	2 00				50 16	00	
Buckhammon.....	192	15	1		28 50	50 1	00					
Burnersville.....	309	9		4	10 00	50 25						
Fairmont.....	117	29	22	2	49 71	4 33		4 28				
Marion.....	400	75	3	3	31 50	1 75	2 25	2 00	4000			
McCurdysville.....	71	22	1									
Lumberport.....	257	93	2	2	4 00	2 50	2 00		2000	10		
Mannington.....	240	239	1	4	27 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	3750			
TOTAL.....	3441	915	76	42	229 27	27 87	16 79	21 78	12750	80 24	00	
Wheeling District.												
Wheeling, 4th St. Station.....	330	61	33	1	132 40		12 20	13 30	13 300			
do. North St. Station.....	115	45	1	2	35 00	6 25	11 00	12 75	12 740	40 15	32	
do. Chapline St. Station.....	214	28	1	1	100 00	9 00	52 05	7 50	7 500			
South Wheeling.....	133	36		1					4 000			
Wheeling Creek.....	158	30		1		2 00						
Short Creek and Liberty.....	130	18	4		27 46	1 00	1 10	7 70	3 700			
Triadelphia.....	109	16	11		7 50	1 00	2 08	4 50	9 000	125 30	00	
Elizabethtown.....	153	15	17	3	40 00	3 62		3 62				
Grave Creek.....	490	81	2	5	83 75	2 50	2 50	2 50				
New Martinsville.....	209	85	4	6	14 10	1 54						
Fish Creek.....	173	4	2	2	18 00							
TOTAL.....	2214	419	74	22	458 21	26 91	50 93	5187	27240	165 45	32	
Parkersburg District.												
Parkersburg.....	114	12	15	2	29 80	2 00	Ag't.	1 00				
Elizabeth Circuit.....	251	14		5	11 00			2 50	3386			
Murrysville.....	98		3	3	12 77	1 00		2 00	3000			
Ripley and Mill Creek.....	240	44		4								
California.....	139	73		4	3 00							
Williamsport.....	223	6	2	4	10 58	2 00			2534			
Hugues River.....	87	13		1	7 50	1 00		2 98				
Harrisville.....	426	89	3	8	71 68		2 10	7 50	7500	50 15	00	
West Union.....	196			2	10 00							
Middlebourne.....	233	38	2	1	7 00							
Sietersville.....	266	49	2	1	93 35			2 00	3000			
TOTAL.....	2273	338	24	35	256 60	6 00	2 10	17 98	19490	50 15	00	4

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	Members.				Monies.			Tracts.			
	Whites.....	Probationers..	Colored.....	L. I. Preachers,	Missionary.....	S. School.....	Bible Society.	Tract Cause..	Pages distrib'd	No. Volumes..	Val. Volumes.
Charleston District.											
Charleston Station.....	59	6	154		15 00	3 00	Agt.	1 00	5000	20	6 00
Do. Circuit.....	134	78	2	3	22 00	50		2 50	12500	67	14 00
Malden.....	90	22	2		15 00	50	1 00	1 00			
Clifton.....	105	43	5	1	5 65	75			1000		
Chol River.....	216	110	19	6							
Logan.....	251	42	4	3							
Hamlin.....	151	51	3	1	4 85					30	9 00
Sandy.....	204	83	5	1							
Walnut Grove.....	93	11	10	1	30 00	2 00	6 00	2 00			
Point Pleasant.....	177	52	2	4	5 00						
Guyandotte.....	161		5	2							
Wayne.....	278	60	3	3	50 50	50	50	10 68	17375	42	11 92
TOTAL.....	1919	558	214	25	148 00	7 25	7 50	17 18	35875	159	40 92
Summersville District.											
Summersville.....	154	17		1	6 10	50		50			
Mountain Cove.....	132	32		2	3 00				2000		
Fayette and Raleigh.....	196	37	3	3	10 50			2 00	3000		
Fork Lick.....	214	33		2	3 00						
Sutton.....	208	18	1	3	30 00	50	1 00	3 00			
Beverly and Randolph.....	283	30	26	1	5 25			6 00		21	6 30
Knalls Creek.....	158	15		1	2 33						
Glenville and Little Kanawha.....	258	126		4	10 00	1 00	1 00	25		13	3 54
Elk River.....	264	64		3	18 25			70			
TOTAL.....	1887	372	30	20	88 43	2 00	2 00	12 45	5000	34	9 84

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

Morgantown District.....	3620	732	43	24	677 63	27 77	31 48	49 24	33917	388	95 43
Clarksburg do.....	3441	915	76	42	229 27	27 87	16 79	21 78	12750	80	24 00
Wheeling do.....	2214	419	74	22	458 21	26 91	50 93	51 87	27210	165	45 32
Parkersburg do.....	2273	338	24	35	256 60	6 00	2 10	17 98	19420	50	15 00
Charleston do.....	1919	558	214	25	148 00	7 25	7 50	17 18	35875	159	40 92
Summersville do.....	1887	372	30	20	88 43	2 00	2 00	12 45	5000	34	9 84
TOTAL.....	15354	3334	561	168	1858 14	97 80	110 80	170 50	134302	876	230 51
Last year.....	15208	2738	406	159	2326 32	125 26	178 91	39 83			
Increase.....	146	596	55	9				130 67			
Decrease.....					468 28	27 46	68 09				

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Morgantown District.

	Number of Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	No. of Bible Classes.	Scholars in Infant Classes.	Expenses of schools this year.	Raised for Sunday School Union.	Conversions.	Sunday School Advertisements taken.
Morgantown Station.....	1	32	180	350	8	150		7 00	66	
do. Circuit.....	5	55	254	480	6			8 00	15	
Monongalia.....	2	40	400	600					30	
Palatine.....	2	78	407	934	2	8	32 75	4 41		
Brandonville.....	5	30	200	800	5	60	15 00			
Selbysport.....										
Kingwood.....	13	103	474	1199	6	70	11 31		14	15
Oakland.....	7	67	242	724	13		26 50			10
Westernford.....	6	13	131	575	21	110				
Blacksville.....								35		
Barbour.....	13	120	395	1058	22	113	20 00	5 36	100	
TOTAL.....	66	538	2683	6720	83	411	105 66	25 12	80	170

Clarksburg District.

Clarksburg Station.....	2	20	140	400	2		10 00	2 00	24	6
West Milford.....	2	90	378	1202	9	278	13 00		10	15
Weston.....	2	80	350	700		100	7 00			32
Pruntytown.....	5	56	198	630	2	40	20 00	6 29		12
Phillippi.....	7	70	210	500	12	138		2 00		
Buckhannon.....	3	33	108	200	4	80	5 00			20
Burnersville.....	2	8	80	100				50		
Fairmont.....	1	27	100	228	2		15 00	4 33	20	
Marion.....	5	55	250	500				1 75		
McCurdyville.....										
Lumberport.....	2	28	80	261	6	25	12 33	2 50	1	12
Mannington.....	4	59	157	473	2		18 00	1 00	1	18
TOTAL.....	47	526	2031	5194	39	661	100 33	20 37	56	115

Wheeling District.

Wheeling, 4th St. Station.....	2	36	320	490	7	95	77 25	6 25	280	16
do. North St. Station.....	2	30	254	975		50	50 50	6 28	50	9
do. Chapline St. Station.....	1	23	100	750		50	90 00	9 00		6
South Wheeling.....	3	40	254	675	4		53 00		57	12
Wheeling Creek.....										
Short Creek and Liberty.....	3	36	140	450	3	13	18 75	1 00	20	
Triadelphia.....	3	25	140	300	1		1 30	1 00		
Elizabethtown.....	1	17	88	450			30 00	3 62	12	6
Grave Creek.....	10	112	384	1475	25	11	26 25	2 50	51	15
New Martinsville.....	4	29	185	310	7	18	17 00	1 54		
Fish Creek.....										
TOTAL.....	29	348	1865	5 875	47	237	364 05	31 19	470	64

Parkersburg District.

Parkersburg.....	1	19	124	125	7		12 00	2 00		6
Elizabeth Circuit.....	5	25	125	500			3 37			
Murraysville.....	1	5	40	100			5 00	1 00		
Ripley and Mill Creek.....										
California.....	4	20	80	160	4					4
Williamsport.....	4	28	112	500	4	12	5 00	2 00		
Hughes River.....	2	15	100	160	5	12				
Harrisville.....	6	44	175	326	17	100	12 00			
West Union.....	2	17	50		2					
Middlebourne.....	2	15	100	300	1					
Siatsville.....	1	10	28	130				50		
TOTAL.....	28	198	944	2301	39	124	37 37	5 50		70

	Number of S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Number of Bible Classes.	Scholars in Infant Classes.	Expenses of schools this yr.	S. S. Union.	S. S. Advocates taken.	Conversions.
Charleston District.										
Charleston Station.....	1	7	40	125			11 00	3 00		6
Do. Circuit.....	5	24	70	200	1	30		50	10	
Malden.....	2	10	100	500	4			75	12	
Clifton.....	2	8	75	150	7	100			4	
Coal River.....										
Logan.....	1	8	70	200	10	133				6
Hamlin.....										
Sandy.....	3	18	60		3	45				2
Walnut Grove.....		No other Report.						2 00		
Point Pleasant.....										
Guyandotte.....	2	16	98	120	2					
Wayne.....	2	23	60	230			1 50	50	10	
TOTAL.....	17	114	573	1525	27	308	12 50	7 25	36	14
Summersville District.										
Summersville.....	3	16	75	350	2					
Mountain Cove.....	2	15	84		2	28				
Fayette and Raleigh.....	4	20	100							
Fork Lick.....	1	6	27	109	2	8				
Sutton.....	4	30	106	250				50	3	
Beverly and Randolph.....	2	17	90	300	2	16	2 32			
Knalls Creek.....	2	10	35	60	2					
Glenville and Little Kanawha.....	3	38	64	225	5	14		1 00		
Elk River.....	2	21	62	208	2	24	4 38			
TOTAL.....	23	173	643	2042	17	90	6 70	1 50	3	

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

Morgantown District.....	66	538	2653	6720	83	411	105 66	25 12	80	170
Clarksburg do.....	47	526	2051	5194	39	661	100 33	20 37	56	115
Wheeling do.....	29	348	1865	5875	47	237	364 05	31 19	470	64
Parkersburg do.....	28	198	944	2301	39	124	37 37	5 50		10
Charleston do.....	17	114	573	1525	27	308	12 50	7 25	36	14
Summersville do.....	23	173	643	2042	17	90	6 70	1 50	3	
TOTAL.....	210	1897	8759	23657	252	1831	626 61	90 93	645	373

Steward's Report of the Western Virginia Conference.

The Stewards beg leave to submit the following as their report:

Claims, receipts and deficiencies are as follows:

Claims,.....	\$23,850 00
Receipts,.....	19,795 86
Deficiency,.....	4,054 14

To question 15, page 36 of Discipline, What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?

We answer,

Chartered Fund,.....	\$ 37 00
Conference Collections,.....	144 39

Total,..... 181 39

Being instructed by the Conference to divide the funds without reference to the per centage system, we have disposed of the money as follows:

David A. McGinnis,.....	\$18 00	J. M. Dudley,.....	\$5 00
Widow Summers,.....	18 00	Garrett Jones,.....	5 00
Jesse Freeland,.....	18 00	A. R. Crislip,.....	5 00
Cyrus Morey,.....	11 16	Robert Brooks,.....	5 00
M. D. Vaughn,.....	12 00	W. L. Hindman,.....	5 00
Benjamin Hagar,.....	12 00	J. Garner,.....	5 00
J. M. Phelps,.....	14 00	Calvin Conner,.....	3 00
Jeremiah Hare,.....	6 00	E. McCartney,.....	3 00
Widow McLaughlin,.....	5 00	D. H. K. Dix,.....	3 00
D. A. McGilton,.....	10 00	W. R. Howe,.....	10 00
		Widow Roberts,.....	2 63

\$124 16

\$51 63.

Paid Rev. J. L. Read, for books ordered by Conference at its last session,.....\$4 20

Stationery,..... 1 40

Respectfully,

A. J. LYDA,
J. S. PATTERSON,
J. HARE,
J. WESLEY WEBB,

As the committees on necessitous cases, the Stewards would further report,

Cash on hand,.....\$8 87

Applied as follows:

M. D. Vaughn,.....\$5 00

C. Morey,..... 3 87

Submitted,

A. J. LYDA, Chairman.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF THE WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

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FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

Appointments.	Preachers.	Children, Under 7.	Over 7.	Quar- ters.	Table Expense.	Rent.	Total.	Receipts.	Deficiencies.	Conference Collections.	Necessaries Cash.	Traveling Expenses.
Morgantown District.	H. Z. Adams, P. E.	2	2	280 00	120 00	100 00	500 00	500 00				12 00
do Station,	William Hunter.	4	4	388 00	132 00	P.	460 00	460 00				
do Circuit,	J. W. Snodgrass.			272 00	90 00	32 00	394 00	382 57	11 43	7 91	3 12	14 00
Monongalia do	G. J. Nixon.*	1		216 00	84 00	P.	300 00	300 00				
do do	C. McLane.			200 00			200 00	127 24	72 76			
Palatine do	Benj. Ison.	1		216 00	90 00	40 00	346 00	303 75	42 25	7 22		16 23
do do	J. M. Powell.			100 00			100 00	87 79	12 21			4 80
Brandonville, do	F. McCarty.			200 00	100 00	25 00	325 00	228 13	96 87	1 25		
Selbysport Circuit,	J. W. Latham.			100 00			100 00	70 17	29 83			
Kingwood do	S. King.		3	200 00	80 00	25 00	305 00	305 00				20 00
do do	E. L. Brooks.			272 00	200 00		472 00	372 88	99 12	10 00		
Oakland do	A. Robe.			100 00			100 00	77 85	22 15			
do do	William Smith.			200 00	200 00	69 00	469 00	368 35	165 00			
Westernford do	G. Garner.			100 00			100 00	56 50	43 50			
Blacksville do	B. G. Hull.											
Barbour do	L. Janney.	3		200 00	80 00	10 00	290 00	256 78	50 22		5 50	17 00
do do	Jesse Craig.			248 00	125 00	P.	373 00	373 00		17 58		14 25
	John Francisco.			100 00			100 00	100 00				6 00
							4914 00	4270 01	648 89	43 96	862	
Clarksburg District.	Moses Titchenell, P. E.			200 00	128 50	50 00	378 50	378 50				21 00
do Station,	T. B. Taylor.			200 00	100 00	50 00	350 00	287 32	62 67	2 00		
West Milford Circuit.]	J. B. Blakeney.			100 00			100 00	100 00		2 00		27 50
do do do	J. W. Webb.	1		216 00	90 00	P.	316 00	316 00				
Weston do	A. J. Lyda.	1		216 00	150 00	P.	366 00	366 00		3 00		9 75
Pruntytown do	G. Jones.			200 00	100 00	P.	300 00	204 30	95 70			
Phillippi do	Henry Stevens.			200 00	75 00	P.	275 00	275 00				
do do	J. M. O'Fling.			100 00			100 00	100 00				
Backhannon do	W. Wilson.	1		216 00	75 00	P.	291 00	291 00				5 50
Burnersville do	J. W. Reger.	1	1	240 00	100 00		340 00	195 77	144 23	1 60		
Fairmont Station,	T. H. Monroe.	3	3	320 00	200 00	P.	520 00	520 00		4 00		
Marion Circuit.	Wesley Smith.	2	4	328 00	150 00	P.	478 00	478 00		2 00		22 50
McCardysville Circuit.	P. Pelly.			100 00			100 00	86 00	14 00			2 00
Lumberport do	T. H. Trainer.	3		248 00	100 00	37 00	385 00	360 93	24 06		1 00	8 74
Mannington do	W. C. McCarty.			200 00	100 00	P.	300 00	300 00				
							4489 50	4138 82	340 66	15 60	25	

*Nearly \$100.00 of the money was paid by special friends.

Wheeling District.
Fourth Street Station,
North Street do

William Lynch, P. E.
Gordon Battelle,

2 1 256 00 250 00 80 00 526 00

*Nearly \$100.00 of the money was paid by special friends.

Wheeling District.

Fourth Street Station.

North Street do

do do do

Chapline Street do

South Wheeling do

do do do

Wheeling Creek.

Short Creek.

Triadelphia.

Elizabeth Station.

Grave Creek Circuit.

do do do

New Martinsville.

Fish Creek.

Seamen's Bethel.

William Lynch, P. E.

Gordon Battelle.

S. G. J. Worthington.

W. Summers. Supernumerary.

J. S. Patterson.

Silas Burns.

D. A. McGilton.

G. W. Richmond.

F. Guthrie.

G. W. Arnold.

J. Drummond.

A. A. Reger.

W. E. Williamson.

W. R. Howe.

E. Dowler.

C. D. Battelle.

2	1	256 00	250 00	80 00	586 00	576 00	10 00	14 00
4	2	312 00	375 00	165 00	882 00	882 00	19 20	2 75
		280 00	202 25	115 00	597 25	597 25	16 00	2 75
	2	248 00	274 25	150 00	672 25	-672 25	10 00	2 75
		200 00	62 50		262 50	199 50	63 00	
		100 00			100 00	100 00		
	2	248 00	150 00		398 00	378 00	20 00	13 83
		248 00	85 00		333 00	333 00		13 28
3								17 00
	1	200 00	180 00		380 00	380 00	5 78	1 25
		256 00	130 00	P.	386 00	386 00	2 50	7 00
		100 00			100 00	100 00		
	2	280 00	165 00	25 00	470 00	320 12	149 88	
		87 00			87 00	87 00		
1		224 00	376 00	100 00	700 00	324 00	376 00	
					6051 50	5350 27	761 23	67 31

Parkersburg District.

do Station.

Elizabeth Circuit.

Murraysville do

Ripley and Mill Creek Circuit.

California Circuit.

Williamsport do

Hughes River.

Harrisville.

West Union.

do do

Middlebourne.

Sistersville.

J. L. Irwin, P. E.

S. R. Dawson.

C. Conner.

P. Green.

E. H. McLaughlin.

L. Park.

C. Morey.

W. H. Hardwick.

J. B. Hill.

D. Waddle.

D. A. McGinns, Sup.

J. M. Dudley.

Richard Northeraft.

SUPERANNUATED.

Jesse Freeland.

Mrs. Roberts.

2	3	304 00	243 00	90 00	637 00	509 70	127 30	
3		248 00	150 00	P.	398 00	398 00		11 00
	2	248 00	125 00	P.	373 00	289 00	84 00	22 55
		100 00			100 00	80 00	20 00	2 80
		370 00			370 00	311 00	69 00	27 00
1		216 00	84 00	P.	300 00	203 75	97 25	
	2	280 00	125 00	13 50	418 50	241 43	177 87	16 75
		200 00	67 00	5 00	272 00	184 61	87 39	12 00
	3	248 00	141 50	P.	389 50	329 85	59 65	20 00
		100 00			100 00	70 32	29 68	12 00
	2	232 00	100 00		332 00	254 30	77 70	3 00
		100 00			100 00	100 00		10 00
2	3	304 00		10 00	314 00	93 50	247 00	26 50
					3699 00	2555 76	1180 74	9 66

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT---CONTINUED.

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Appointments.	Preachers.	Children, Under 7.	Over 7, Children.	Quarterly Expenses.	Table Expenses.	Rent,	Total	Receipts,	Deficiencies,	Conference Collections.	Traveling Expenses,
Charleston District.	Gideon Martin, P. E.	3	2	296 00	154 00	50 00	500 00	404 35	95 65		24 00
do Station.	James L. Clarke.	1	1	240 00	118 00	90 00	448 00	448 00		3 00	12 00
do Circuit.	James S. Hall.			100 00			100 00	100 00			10 00
Malden Station.	Samuel Steele.			100 00			100 00	100 00			12 00
Clifton Circuit.	M. D. Vaughn.	1	1	240 00	100 00		340 00	166 00	174 00		
Coal River.	A. Workman.			150 00			150 00	84 60	65 40		
Logan.	A. R. Crislip.			100 00			100 00	37 95	63 05		10 00
Hamline.	B. Hagar.	1	2	256 00	80 00		336 00	183 01	152 99		10 00
Sandy.	R. Hagar.			200 00			200 00	140 87	59 13		
Walnut Grove.	A. Hall.			100 00			100 00	81 86	18 14		15 00
Point Pleasant.	J. A. Totten.			100 00			100 00	75 00	25 00		6 50
do do	H. C. Sandford.			100 00			100 00	50 00	50 00		23 95
Guyandotte.	Jeremiah Hare.			100 00			100 00	64 43	35 57		18 64
Wayne.	R. L. Woodyard.			100 00			100 00	67 17	32 83		14 50
do do	D. O. Carmack.										
		3	5	150 00	32 00	13 00	2774 00	2003 24	772 76	3 00	15 50
Summersville District.	J. J. Dolliver, P. E.			100 00			100 00	100 00			26 00
do Circuit.	R. Brook.			200 00	50 00	20 00	270 00	172 29	97 71	5 00	8 00
Mountain Cove.	A. Dixon.			100 00			100 00	100 00			20 00
Fayette and Raleigh.	J. M. Phelps.	1	2	164 00	16 00		180 00	94 45	85 55	5 00	10 00
Fork Lick.	V. Sandford.			100 00			100 00	100 00			7 00
Sutton.	F. R. Boggess.			100 00			100 00	100 00			8 00
Beverly and Randolph.	R. M. Wallace.	3	1	248 00	75 00	P.	323 00	274 69	48 31	-1 00	6 00
Knalls Creek.	J. T. Carroll.			116 00			116 00	87 57	28 43	32	7 50
Glenville and Little Kanawha.	W. L. Hindman.	2		232 00	60 00	20 00	312 00	226 00	86 00	1 50	5 00
do do do	J. B. Feather.			100 00			100 00	73 00	27 00		21 00
Elk River.	D. H. K. Dix.			200 00			200 00	150 00	50 00		
		3	1	500 00	130 00	10 00	1921 00	1478 00	423 00	2 82	

Communication from the Trustees of Allegheny College.

To the Bishop and Members of the Western Virginia Conference, assembled at Wheeling, Virginia.

REVEREND FATHERS AND BROTHERN: During the past year, the fraternal bonds which unite Allegheny College to your venerable body, have been strengthened, by our selecting one of your number to supply a vacancy in the board of instruction; and by the readiness with which you surrendered one whose services were of great value in other departments of ministerial labour. This event revived the recollection that your body is an offshoot of the Pittsburgh Conference which assumed the patronage and control of this College many years since; and that the territory embraced within your limits is in the main a part of the old Pittsburgh Conference, nor could we forget, while making this retrospect, the men, who in the days of the weakness of this College, were among its firmest friends, its most eloquent advocates; and that their self-denying labors as editors and agents, not to speak of their munificence, have powerfully contributed to place the College in its present position. We have concluded therefore, to send you by the hand of Professor Martin, this friendly greeting, and slight sketch of the condition of the College.

We rejoice in an opportunity of renewing our official intercourse with your venerable body; and of expressing our congratulations in regard to the continued prosperity which a kind Providence has extended to this Institution of learning. During the past year Allegheny College has performed its public duties without interruption, and has diffused its blessings over a large region of country. The health of the Students has not suffered from the prevalence of any epidemic disease, nor have we for several years past been called to lament the loss by death of any of our number. No other evidence of the remarkable salubrity of our climate, and its eligibility as a location of Literary Institution need be adduced.

The number of students in all the departments during the past year is two hundred and thirty-one. The Annual Catalogue, now in the course of publication, and of which we hope to place a copy, at an early day in the hands of each member of the Conference, shows that the places of residence of our students are dispersed over all parts of the territory of the patronizing Conferences; and that the College maintains its place in the confidence of the public as a powerful auxiliary in the cause of liberal education. The slight falling off in numbers as compared with the attendance of former years, is readily accounted for by the extraordinary circumstances of the times. The general depression of business interests and the distress of large numbers of the producing classes has diminished the number of new students entering the College at the opening of the present Term. Our old students have generally returned, and the number of students in the Collegiate department compares favorably with that of former years.

We regret to communicate the intelligence of the resignation of

Professor George W. Clarke, who at the close of the Spring Term of 1854 was impelled by regard for his failing health to dissolve his connexion with the College. He entered upon the duties of his Professorship, while the College was in its infancy, and during the long period of nineteen years with characteristic zeal, and with distinguished ability, discharged the arduous and responsible duties of the Professorship of Ancient Languages. His attainments as a scholar, and especially in that department of literature which was entrusted to his care, his aptness to teach, and the christain courtesy and amiability which marked his intercourse with his pupils, and with us; hold a cherished place in our memory, and demand from us this passing tribute to his worth.

The place made vacant by the resignation of Professor Clarke, was immediately filled by the election of the Rev. Alexander Martin, of the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to the vacant chair. It is due to this latter gentleman to say that he graduated from this College in 1847 with distinguished honor, that since that time he has been chiefly engaged in teaching, and that his success during his first year of residence with us, has justified our highest anticipations, and given universal satisfaction.

We are happy in being able to announce, from information furnished by Professor Kingsley, who for more than a year past has been engaged in an agency for the endowment of this new chair, that the amount subscribed in aid of the establishment of a Professorship of Hebrew and Biblical Criticism in Allegheny College, has reached in round numbers thirteen thousand dollars, (\$13,000.) We indulge the hope, that the present summer will not pass away, without realizing the expectations of the friends of this measure; and that early in the ensuing College year the chair may be filled, and recitations commence in that Department of Study.

The Financial condition of the College does not differ materially from that exhibited in our annual reports for several years past. The revenues of the College, derived chiefly from the income of the endowment fund held by the Pittsburgh and Erie Conferences; suffice for the payment of the salaries of the Professors, and the current expenses are liquidated as they arise, out of the income derived from the contingent fees paid by the students at the opening of each Term. We regret to say, that there are not in our hands, adequate means for discharging two obligations which are at present pressing the College with more than ordinary severity. The first of these claims grows out of a deficit in the sum of \$2,000, which the Patronizing Conferences proposed to contribute towards the erection of the new College edifice; and which we, relying upon the ability of the Conferences to comply with that proposition, obligated ourselves to pay in money to the contractors.— This money is now due by the terms of the contract, and the contractors are unwilling to defer the fulfilment on our part of our written obligation. Nearly seven hundred dollars are needed to cancel this obligation.

The other claim to which we refer, is the debt due from the College to

the relict of the late Timothy Alden, D. D., the first President of this College, the foundation of the College, the erection of the first College edifice, the collection of its noble library, and the commencement of public instruction at this seat of learning, are due chiefly to him; and were to him the hope of his early life, the realization of his later years, a life of long study and labor. When he resigned his office as President of this College, his claims for services of various kinds, acknowledged by the Board of Trustees, amounted to the large sum of three thousand two hundred dollars, (\$3,200.) Soon after, and in virtue of an agreement made between the Pittsburgh Conference and Board of Trustees, the College in effect, passed, for the time being, into the hands of the Conference, and they assumed the payment of this debt, and stipulated to discharge it by applying to this purpose the first monies collected by them for the use of the College. The Trustees take pleasure in referring to the alacrity with which the patronizing Conferences at different times have contributed to accomplish this desirable result, and they are aware of the many hindrances, which thus far, has prevented the extinction of the debt. The annual interest has been promptly met, and twenty-four hundred dollars (\$2400,) of the principal extinguished. At this time, the widow of Dr. Alden who holds this claim against the College, is resolved to enforce the collection of it, and is only deterred from doing so at once, by our urgent entreaties that she would await the action of the patronizing Conferences at their next annual session. Permit us, Reverend Fathers and Brethren, to appeal to that abiding interest in the welfare of the College, which has been manifested more by your actions than by your professions, to prevent by speedy and decisive action such a calamity as is involved in a levy upon the property of the College. If the resolutions passed by two of the Conferences at their last session were carried out, we should not again be obliged to refer to a subject which has already been the occasion of much and painful solicitude.

Finally, we commend the College to your prayers, your sympathy, and pious efforts; and assure you, that we will always be ready to second your efforts and execute your wishes in its behalf.

DAVID DERICKSON,

President of Board of Trustees, &c.

H. L. RICHMOND, Sec'y. Board.

May 25, 1855.

Report of the Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy.

To the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, now sitting,

The Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy in making their annual communication to the Conference, beg leave to report:

That during the past twelve months, the Academy has been in a prosperous and flourishing condition. The number of students in at-

tendance during the winter session was 150. During the summer session the number is not quite so large. The attendance of students at the summer sessions is never so large as during the winter sessions.

Professor Arthur is still in charge of the Institution. He is eminently qualified for the position he holds, and the Board considers that his conduct in the management of the Academy, worthy of the highest commendation. Prof. Arthur has an able and efficient assistant in Mr. N. E. Worthington, A. B., a graduate of Allegheny College. The Female Department is in charge of Miss C. A. Garretson, an experienced and accomplished teacher.

The Board would direct the attention of the Conference to the financial condition of the Institution. The Conference is already aware that the Academy is without endowment, and that the receipts for tuition constitute the entire fund for its support. The price of learning should always be reduced to the lowest point at which it can be afforded; and the board would rather appeal to the generous sympathies of the Conference, (so often manifested to the cause of education,) for additional support than to levy a tax upon the struggling ambition of our young men by increasing the fees for tuition. The funds received for tuition are not sufficient, with the most rigid economy, to enable the principal to support himself, and employ a suitable number of assistants. Prof. Arthur, in a spirit worthy of praise, has incurred considerable expense to himself in improving the Academy building, and the Board earnestly recommend that the Conference render him all pecuniary aid in its power. The propriety of appointing an agent whose duty it should be to increase the patronage of the Institution, the Trustees leave entirely with the Conference. The Board recommends that Professor Arthur be continued as Principal for the coming year.

It is also recommended that the Conference allow any members of the Board of Trustees who may be in attendance at the session of the Conference, to represent the Board during said session.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES LEWIS, Pres't.

Teste, W. P. Goff, Clerk pro tem.

Report of the Treasurer of the Educational Fund.

CLARKSBURG, VA., May 28th, 1855.

Report of the Treasurer of the Western Virginia Educational Society to the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church,

Amount of bonds on hand for cash loaned,.....\$924 32

To cash on hand—Interest received,.....12 00

Will receive about \$40,00 interest in July coming.

The Treasurer would recommend that the above interest, be paid to Professor Arthur, who now has charge of the North Western Virginia Academy

NATHAN GOFF, Treasurer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRACTS.

The committee on Tracts present the following as their report:

That thorough and efficient measures ought to be taken to supply the people of our Territory with Methodist Books and Tracts.

That the measures heretofore employed by us have been found inefficient.

That in order to carry out the object of our Conference Tract Auxiliary we think it necessary to recommend the appointment of a Conference Tract Agent.

That we request the Bishop, if the state of the work will allow it, to appoint a competent and efficient Tract Agent for the year to come.

That should such Agent be appointed it will be expected that he will be a personal laborer in exploring the country and selling the books as well as raising Funds.

That the salary of said Agent be the same as that of other members of the Conference having equal claims; and his table expenses, house rent and fuel be estimated by six members of this Conference. Committee, Hunter, Monroe, Drummond, Dawson, Clark, F. R. Boggess.

That the Agent be instructed to see that efficient Tract Stewards be appointed in each Society and that a collector be appointed in each class.

That an annual collection be lifted in each congregation in behalf of this glorious cause.

That we will give the Conference Agent such assurances of cordial welcome and hearty co-operation as his position demands.

That the Agent be directed to report to the Secretary of the Parent Society, according to official instruction.

Signed,

J. W. SNODGRASS,

T. H. MONROE,

A. DIXON,

A. A. REGER,

J. B. HILL,

SAMUEL STEELE.

Wheeling, June 1, 1855.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Mission Committee of the Western Virginia Annual Conference, for session of 1855, would report,

The following Missions and appropriations for their support:

Morgantown District,

Snowy Creek,.....	\$100
Dry Fork,.....	25
Dunkard Creek,.....	100

\$225

Clarksburg District,	
Knalls Creek,.....	\$175
Randolph,.....	100

 \$275

Wheeling District,	
New Martinsville,.....	\$180

Parkersburg District,	
Reedy,.....	\$115
Murrysville,.....	25
Mill Creek,.....	110
California,.....	165
Hughes River,.....	115
Indian Creek,.....	40
Little Kanawha,.....	95

 \$665

Charleston District,	
Mason,.....	\$135
Nicholas,.....	100
Mountain Cove,.....	40
West Fork,.....	115

 \$390

Guyandotte District,	
Thirteen,.....	\$150
Hamline,.....	150
Sandy,.....	90
Monticello,.....	75
Piketon,.....	50

 \$515

MOSES TITCENELL, Chairman.

G. MARTIN, Secretary.

I concur in the above appropriations.

T. A. MORRIS.

June 4, 1855.

Report of the Committee on the Bible Cause.

The committee on the Bible Cause believing that a general circulation of the Sacred Scriptures in all lands and in many languages, indispensable to the evangelizing of the world; and believing that the means devised and put in operation by the American Bible Society, the best yet known to us for the accomplishment of this desired object, deem it necessary only to re-affirm the sentiments of confidence heretofore expressed by this Conference in that Society, and to give it our cordial support and co-operation. We are sorry to notice that the amount collected

from our different charges the past year is but \$110,70. Not much over half what it was the previous year, and it was even then much less than it should have been. We regret also to learn that the receipts of the American Bible Society have been much diminished the past year.—We however hail with gratitude the intelligence that thousands of Bibles in our own, and in other languages, have been published, and that new translations have been, and are now being made, Therefore resolved

1st. That we will take up a collection at all the appointments in our, different fields of labor the ensuing year for the Bible Cause, if at all practicable or expedient.

2d. That each Preacher be required to preach a sermon on the Bible Cause in connection with such collection, or to accompany them with such suitable remarks as will give the people a better understanding of the nature, design and importance of the cause for which they are called upon to contribute.

3d. That we will endeavor fully to supply every family within the bounds of our different charges with a copy or copies of God's word.

GAY J. NIXON,
WM. WILSON,
G. W. ARNOLD,
DANIEL WADDLE,
ASHFORD HALL,
D. H. K. DIX.

Report of Committee on Education.

The committee on Education beg leave to report as follows in regard to the several papers referred by Conference to them:

I. In relation to Allegheny College, we have to express our unfeigned pleasure at the renewal of official intercourse by the communication and report which the Trustees of that Institution have submitted to this body. Of the noble youth who from time to time have filled the halls of that College, a large proportion has been from our field of labor and her honored Alumni are found in the front rank among our Educators, Professional men, and the various Industrial pursuits of Society. Although pending the effort made to secure the Educational Fund now being raised among us, yet we deem it expedient to submit to Conference for its consideration and adoption the following resolutions, viz:

1. That we rejoice in the onward progress of Allegheny College, and especially in the success of its friends to organize and endow the Professorship of Hebrew and Biblical Literature.

2. That we recommend the College in its various Departments to the continued and liberal contributions of our friends and members.

3. That we pledge ourselves to renewed efforts in securing the attendance of students.

4. That G. Battelle, Wm. Hunter and Wesley Smith, be a committee to attend, if practicable, the examinations of the College during the present Conference year.

II. In regard to the Academy at Clarksburg, it is gratifying to learn from the Annual Report of the Trustees that under the able supervision of Prof. Arthur and his assistants it continues its onward course in the enjoyment of its accustomed success and usefulness. We therefore recommend to Conference the following resolutions:

1. That we have the highest confidence in Prof. Arthur and those associated with him as Educators, and recommend to the Presiding Bishop his re-appointment to the charge of the North Western Virginia Academy, and that he also be empowered to act as Agent in collecting funds for the use and benefit of the Institution, and that he report the result of his agency to our next Annual Session.

2. That agreeably to the recommendation of N. Goff, Esq., Treasurer of the Educational Fund, the interest now in his hands be paid to Bro. Arthur.

3. That the Presiding Elder of Clarksburg District, the Preacher in charge of Clarksburg Station and of Pruntytown and Milford Circuits, be a committee to attend the examinations of the Academy.

4. That we will continue to give the Academy a place in our sympathies and prayers, and exert our influence to secure the attendance of students both in the male and female departments.

III. The committee had also referred to them a circular from the S. E. Indiana Conference, requesting concurrence in the following:

Resolved, "That in our opinion the time has come when the attention of the authorities of the church should be called to the necessity of aiding the Liberian Mission in the work of endowing and thus placing beyond a dependency on our Mission Fund our Liberian High School; and we hereby respectfully suggest that in view of the importance of this part of African education, an agent should be appointed by our next General Conference, to aid our Liberian friends in their noble effort to establish and endow their Monrovia Seminary."

Sympathizing most heartily in the above we submit for your adoption the following,

Resolved, That we concur in the foregoing resolution.

G. BATTELLE,
ALEX. MARTIN,
R. A. ARTHUR,
J. L. CLARK,
S. R. DAWSON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The committee on Temperance, believe that the *times* call for *facts* instead of *flowers*. They have aimed to embody, in a few words, the sentiments of this Conference in such a way as will call forth the *united* and *vigorous action* of our members and friends in this common cause.

Much has been done to tear down and build up—to *kill* and to *save*. Friends and foes are in the field, contending for the victory. The hosts of both parties are looking to one grand point—to the settlement of one

absorbing question, viz: "License or no license!" The advocates of Temperance ask for the enactment of a *strong "prohibitory law"* in this state, as the only hope of *final success*. Several states have already tested the practicability of such a Law. Mighty influences are at work to aid in reaching this desirable object. The legal decisions of higher courts, sustain the county courts in the praiseworthy stand they have taken in refusing to grant license to sell intoxicating drinks. The following named county courts have taken this noble stand—Ohio, Marshall, Marion, Logan, Kanawha, Braxton, Ritchie, Harrison, Wyoming, Barbour, Boone, Nicholas, Tyler, Wirt and Upshur.

We mention these, that others may be induced to follow their example. It affords us great pleasure to state that about one-half of the political papers within our bounds are wielding a powerful influence in favor of the temperance reform. We name them for the encouragement of friends, and that the instrumentalities at work with us may be *known*, viz: Wheeling Gazette, Monongalia Mirror, Kanawha Republican, Marshall Herald, Pruntytown Gazette.

There may be others of which the committee have not been informed. These lights burning in our midst will, we believe, greatly aid in dispelling darkness from the "Old Dominion." That we may aid in the extension of this work, we cheerfully agree to adopt the following plan of operation:

1. We will preach on the subject of temperance at our appointments during the year.
2. We will recommend to our people to support at the ballot-box, those men for county offices, who are known to be favorable to the temperance cause.
3. We will try to induce Local Preachers, exhorters and others, to lecture on the subject of Temperance in every neighborhood throughout our work.
4. We will use our influence to circulate *generally and extensively*, petitions to the Legislature, praying for a strong "Prohibitory Law" in this State.
5. We will encourage the building of school houses in every place where they are needed, and discountenance the employment of intemperate school teachers.
6. The Presiding Elders are hereby earnestly requested to inquire at each quarterly meeting what is being done towards carrying out these recommendations.

C. D. BATTELLE, Chairman.

Wheeling Va., June 4, 1855.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PARSONAGES.

The committee on Parsonages report that much might be done to promote the interests of our Church, by directing the attention of our people to the propriety of procuring suitable houses as residences for our married preachers.

There are many parts of our conference, when town-lots are, at this time comparatively cheap, and where, in a few years, in consequence of the rise of property, it may be exceedingly inconvenient to procure them for our purpose and we may be compelled to decline building altogether, or, as has frequently been done before, to select locations rejected by all others, or be driven to the country. In view of these and many other considerations which might be named we submit the following:

Resolved 1st. That we earnestly and affectionately recommend to our friends in the various charges where there are no Parsonages, that they, at least, procure suitable lots in such locations as will best promote the interests of the church and comfort of the Preacher's families.

Resolved 2d. That it is the duty of every preacher to encourage his people in procuring comfortable Parsonages; and we ought to discountenance all efforts to erect Parsonages in those locations that are inaccessible and uncomfortable, simply because they are *cheap*.

Resolved 3d. That we will carry out the above resolutions, as far as practicable, during the coming year.

T. H. MONROE.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The committee on Sabbath Schools present the following as their report:

Your committee are aware of the difficulties attending the Sabbath School enterprise within the bounds of our Conference, owing to the sparseness of the population in some part of the work. But the greatest obstacle in the way of organizing and sustaining these nurseries of the church, is the indifference felt and manifested by so many of the members and friends of the church, and especially those who are heads of families, the very persons who ought to take the lead in this holy enterprise. It is a subject of anxious and painful solicitude and of deep regret, that throughout the bounds of our Conference there are hundreds of our own members who instead of setting the example to their children of the observance of the Christian Sabbath by attending the Sabbath Schools as teachers, desecrate that holy day by either paying or receiving visits.

Owing to these and other causes, a large proportion of the Sunday Schools within our bounds are suspended nearly two-thirds of the year, and many of these languish during the brief period of their existence for want of the countenance and encouragement of those who ought to be their friends and supporters. And what is still more to be deplored is the fact that many of the preachers of our Conference who ought to be foremost in every good work, have presented no Sunday School reports from their fields of labor, and no collections for the Sunday School Union of our church.

Your committee would most respectfully remind this Conference that this is no time for the leaders of our Israel to become lukewarm in this Godlike enterprise. Hundreds of thousands of foreigners are, as we

believe, providentially thrown upon our shores and valleys, most of whom are under the influence of popery or infidelity, and consequently are habitual Sabbath-breakers, and we must provide for the enlightenment of their children or peril the institutions of our country. We cannot, must not, will not, slumber at our post while the powers of light and darkness are marshaling their forces for the great, the eventful struggle which is to decide the destiny of our race. Upon the present generation, God in his providence has devolved a responsibility such as has never devolved upon any generation of mankind since the world began. In addition to this there is a vast amount of native talent placed under our influence within the bounds of this Conference, talent that if brought out may be made to tell on the destiny of our country. If we are true to God and ourselves, we have it in our power, in conjunction with the other protestant churches, to scatter the word of life in the virgin soil of the hearts of the rising generation, and thus preserve them from the three great enemies of Christ, the world, the Pope, and the Devil.

In view of the foregoing, your committee present the following resolutions for adoption :

Resolved 1st. That the Preachers and members of this Conference be and they are hereby earnestly requested to preach on the subject, and organize a Sunday School in every place where it is at all practicable within the bounds of their several fields of labor.

Resolved 2d. That the Preachers urge it upon the friends of Sunday Schools to keep as many of them open thro'out the entire year as possible.

Resolved 3d. That the Preachers urge it upon the officers to have the children and teachers in our Sunday Schools not merely to memorize the text of Sacred Writ, but also endeavor to make them *understand* the words of the Spirit.

Resolved 4th. That in view of the prevalence of Sabbath-breaking throughout our bounds, the Preachers having charge of circuits especially, be and they are hereby requested to preach a sermon on the nature and binding obligation of the Christain Sabbath.

Resolved 5th. That the Presiding Elders be requested to enquire at each quarterly meeting, whether the above resolutions have been carried out.

WESLEY SMITH, Chairman.

Wheeling Va., June 4th, 1855.

Report of Committee on Pittsburgh Christian Advocate.

The Publishing Committee of the Pittsburgh Christain Advocate report that the paper is out of debt and that its income is about equal to its expenses. It is highly important both to the perpetuity and prosperity of the paper and the consequent greater moral influence which it might exert, that the number of subscribers should be greatly increased.

Therefore, Resolved, That we individually use our best endeavors to enlarge the subscription of this excellent paper, which we have so long considered our most convenient and appropriate Conference organ.

For the committee,

WM. HUNTER, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Quarterly Review.

The committee to whom was referred the interests of the Methodist Quarterly Review, in the bounds of the Western Virginia Conference, would report the following:

Resolved 1st. That we regard the Quarterly Review, as a work of the greatest importance in its relations to the literature and religion of our church and country.

Resolved 2d. That we the Preachers of the Western Virginia Conference as far as practicable, will patronize said Review, and use our influence to secure a larger circulation among the people.

Respectfully, &c.,

T. B. TAYLOR,
WESLEY SMITH.

Report of Committee on Brother Adams' Case.

The committee to whom was referred the paper presented by Rev. B. G. Hull, charging Rev. H. Z. Adams with mal-administration present the following as their report:

The charge of mal-administration is based upon the following facts and circumstances. At the last session of our Conference Bro. Hull was appointed to the Westernford Circuit and Dry Fork Mission in the bounds of Bro. Adams' District. Soon after Conference he moved to the circuit, a long journey at considerable expense; and after preaching at a few of the appointments, business called him to the east, from whence he did not return until a short time prior to the first quarterly meeting. In the meantime a report got into circulation that a colored girl living in Bro. Hull's family and belonging to his wife's mother, was a slave, which report produced a good deal of excitement on some parts of the circuit, at the idea of having a slaveholding preacher. This appears from a letter written to Bro. Adams by the recording Steward of the circuit, and from other events and sources. After receiving the above named letter, Bro. Adams visited the circuit and conversed with such members of the circuit as he saw, and afterwards with Bro. Hull. In this conversation Bro. Hull understood Bro. Adams to advise him to resign his charge and retire from the circuit, if the quarterly conference, to which they were going, should express themselves to him (Bro. Hull,) as they had done to Bro. Adams. That condition being fulfilled, Bro. Hull accordingly retired from the circuit and another man was appointed in his stead. It appears, however, that the quarterly conference, which was not a very full one, did not perfectly represent every part of the circuit. The brethren at Rowlesburg being dissatisfied with the doings at the quarterly conference, employed Bro. Hull to preach for them, which he has continued to do during the year. These and other subsequent events of the same character, have produced some unpleasantness of feeling, which has resulted in the charge of mal-administration against Bro. Adams by Bro. Hull.

We are happy to say that by mal-administration the accuser in this

case does not mean administration with an evil purpose or intention; but simply, as he informs us, improper or injudicious administration, in sundry particulars. Upon this point the committee would say, from the various papers presented to them, somewhat conflicting in their character, and the imperfect knowledge which they have been able to obtain concerning the subject in so short a time, that while they are not prepared fully to endorse the judiciousness of all Bro. Adams' proceedings in the case, they are of the opinion, that it would be easier to find fault with what is past, than if placed in Bro. Adams' situation, to have done better. And while they deeply regret the embarrassing circumstances in which Bro. Hull has been placed by the events referred to, yet they are of the opinion that there is nothing so seriously erroneous in the administration of Bro. Adams, as to require a re-consideration and a formal investigation of his case.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. HUNTER,
C. D. BATTELLE,
WESLEY SMITH,

ALEXANDER MARTIN

Corresponding Secy. W. Va. Conf. Tract Society.

Wheeling, Va. June 5, A. D. 1855.

APPENDIX.

Annual Report of the Conference Tract Society.

The Tract enterprize is as yet in its infancy among us. The appointment of an efficient Agent this year, as unanimously requested of the Bishop by the Conference, will do much to systematize and render efficient this great instrument of good. While many of our brethren have always and nobly engaged in the circulation of Tracts and Books, perhaps to a greater extent than is usual in most of our Conferences, at present there are others who from various causes, especially during the year just closed, have done very little. We are assured however and have reason to know that far more has been done than the Conference has credit for in the exceedingly imperfect and unsatisfactory statistical returns which have been made. These returns show an aggregate of

Collected for Tract Society,.....	\$170 50
Pages distributed,.....	134 302
Tract volumes sold,.....	876
Value of the volumes sold,.....	230 51
Conversions from Tracts,.....	5

Trusting that our next statistics will show a large advance in each of these particulars, and especially that our brethren will make full and accurate returns as required in the Annual Report of the Parent Tract Society of all that is done, whether it be large or small, we commend this cause as eminently deserving the prayerful and most persevering efforts of all who wish to serve the Lord and bless the world.

Signed,

ALEXANDER MARTIN,

Corresponding Sec'y. W. Va. Conf. Tract Society.

Wheeling Va., June 5, A. D. 1855.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year.

President—BISHOP T. A. MORRIS.

Vice President—M. TITCHENELL, W. T. WILLEY, C. D. HUBBARD, FESTUS C. PITCHER, JOHN TALBOTT.

Corresponding Secretary—*Samuel Steele*, Recording Secretary—*S. R. Dawson*, Treasurer—*J. Drummond*.

MANAGERS—Messrs. Alexander Armstrong, W. P. Wilson, A. M. Adams, Robert Hamilton, William Exley, Jacob Arndt, Henry Echols, James Baggs, James Bodley, Thomas H. List, Laymen. Rev'ds. G. Battelle, J. L. Clark, Wesley Smith, J. S. Patterson, William Hunter, S. R. Dawson, A. J. Lyda, W. C. McCarty, James Drummond, R. D. Callihan, Ministers.

The meeting then adjourned.

SAMUEL STEELE,
Recording Secretary.

Wheeling, June 6, 1855.

Annual Report of the Conference Missionary Society.

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Western Virginia Conference Missionary Society was held in the Fourth Street Church at Wheeling, on the evening of June 2d, 1855.

The meeting was called to order by the President, (Bro. Hunter,) and the Preachers annual subscriptions were received, after which the following officers were elected for the ensuing Conference year:

President—JAMES DRUMMOND.

Vice President—FRANCIS GUTHRIE.

Secretary—*James L. Clark*, Assistant do. *Timothy B. Taylor*.

Treasurer—Moses Titchenell.

The religious exercises of the meeting were opened by Bro. Philips of New York. Addresses were delivered by Dr. Trimble of the Ohio Conference and Dr. Durbin Corresponding Secretary of the Parent Society. After which a collection was taken up.

The exercises of the meeting were interspersed with singing by the choir, and the congregation was dismissed with the benediction.

The following is the financial report for the year ending June 6th, 1855.

Amount received from Circuits and Stations,.....	\$1858 14
Preachers annual subscriptions,.....	76 00
Collection,.....	24 77
To constitute Mary Ann See, a life member of the Conference Society, by Dr. Solomon Parsons,....	5 00

Total,.....\$1963 91

JAMES L. CLARK, Sec'y.

Detailed Report from Circuits and Stations.

The following are the names of contributors to the Missionary Cause in the bounds of our Conference as far as they have been reported to us by the Preachers. (See Discipline.)

Morgantown District, --Barbour Circuit.

Hector Sinclair,	\$5.00	James Haymond,	\$1.00	Madison Foreman,	\$1.00	Sarah Holland,	\$2.00
William Bain,	1.00	Eugenus Ford,	1.00	Jacob F. Shroyer,	1.00	George Holland,	1.00
Luke Mail,	1.00	John Wood,	1.00	William Walters,	5.00	James Holland,	1.00
Samuel Pearce,	1.00	Daniel Holland,	1.00	Strauther Conwell,	1.00	Robert Colwell,	1.00
Joseph Nines,	1.00	Isaac G Means,	1.37	Christian Walter,	1.00	Towner Kerchial,	1.00
Jones J Wolf,	1.00	Fanny Haymond,	1.25	John Beavers,	1.00	Reuben Warthen,	1.00
J Tucker,	1.00	Joseph Grubb,	1.00	John Holland,	1.00	Sundries,	62.47
A F Hermans,	1.00	Jacob Mears,	5.00	Mary Holland,	1.00		
TOTAL,.....				\$95.23			

PALATINE CIRCUIT.

Nancy Steele,	\$10.00	Edmund Lever,	\$1.00	John Satterfield,	\$1.00	David Carpenter,	\$1.00
Isaiah Kootz,	1.00	Isaac Courtney,	50	Mrs Elizabeth E Ison,	50	Robert Moran,	1.00
E M Prickett,	50	Jacob Holland,	50	Joseph Jolliff,	50	Eli Satterfield,	50
E F Hall,	50	John S Gaskins,	50	Samuel Harris,	50	Samuel Carothers,	50
N E Cooper,	1.00	Josiah P Hill,	50	Presley Bunner,	50	Andrew Carothers,	50
J M Sterling,	50	Mrs Elvira Titchenell,	50	Rev Isaac Guseman,	50	Sundries,	25.23
TOTAL,.....				\$49.23			

Clarksburg District,--West Milford.

Samuel Butters,	\$1,00	Mrs Jane Martin,	\$5,00	Michael C Monroe,	\$5,00	Miss E Williams,	\$1,00
Marshall Hickman,	50	David G Murphy,	50	Samuel Boring,	50	James Lyons,	50
William Bell,	1,00	Nathan Davison,	50	James Summerville,	50	John W Butters,	50
Rev A C Rider,	1,00	Miss Mary Patton,	50	William Walker,	50	Abram Wolf,	50
W McWhorter, sen,	5,00	Prudence Patton,	50	Jacob Summerville,	50	Rev J A Williams,	50
Rev E McWhorter,	1,00	Robert Burnside,	50	A S Patton,	50	Miss Ellenor Williams,	50
W McWhorter, jun,	50	John Thornhill,	50	Elias Yerkey,	50	Miss Hester J Williams,	50
Jesse Mitchel,	50	Caleb Cheuvront,	50	Thomas Thornhill,	50	Edward Pritchard,	50
Miss E Mitchel,	50	George Post,	50	William Law,	50		
TOTAL,				\$40,00			

Wheeling District,--Fourth Street Station.

William Exley,	\$20,00	H Hall,	\$2,00	R A Little's Class,	\$1,00	W Odburt's class,	\$1,00
A M Adams,	7,00	Mathew Warren,	2,00	M Warren's do	1,00	Miss Annetta Hubbard	2,00
D Zane,	5,00	Isaiah Warren,	4,00	A M Adams' do	1,00	J H Robinson,	2,00
W D Motte,	5,00	R A Little,	2,00	Archibald Warren,	2,00	E Marshall and wife,	1,50
W Busby,	5,00	Mrs Johnson,	2,00	Eliza Mills,	1,00	E Cartwright's class,	1,09
W Goodrich,	5,00	William Hubbard,	1,00	J M Layton,	1,00	James Bodley,	2,00
Robert Hamilton,	5,00	Mrs Layton,	1,00	G Arbest,	1,00	Public collection,	31,81
Gordon Battelle,	5,00	Mrs Morrow,	1,00	S W Pearson,	1,00		
G W Cunningham,	2,00	G Battelle's Class,	5,00	A Burris' class,	3,00		
TOTAL,				\$132,40			

The following persons have been constituted life members of the Parent Society during last two year:--Rev. G. Battelle, Rev. J. S. Patterson, Arthur Little, Mary Morrison, Maria Louisa Battelle, Charles McElroy, Hannah Hopkins, Anna List, Vashti Dillon, Elijah Day, Eleanor Rigby, Lewis M. Layton, Mary Jane Exley.

The following persons are members of the Western Virginia Conference Missionary Society:--M. A. Taylor, Margaret Gally, Eliza Mills, Maria D. Warren, Mary Dallas, Anna M. Sanborn, Mary Johnson, Benjamin Reynard, Emma Cartwright, Anna Williams, Louisa Murray, Isaiah Warren, Archibald Warren.

ELIZABETH STATION.

COLLECTORS--Miss R. J. Gallaher, Miss L. Davenport, Miss E. B. Neff and Miss V. Burley.

James Drummoud,	\$5,00	Joseph A Burley,	\$1,00	Rev J Alexander,	\$1,00	M M Bleakmore,	\$1,00
Catharine Drummoud,	2,00	Julia Burley,	50	Ellen Burley,	50	Wm O Powell,	50
Benj Davenport,	2,00	Amanda Gray,	50	Virginia Burley,	50	J Nichols,	50
James Burley,	2,00	Julian Bleakmore,	50	Wm Burley,	50	George Edwards,	50
Margaret Burley,	2,00	W B Piersal,	50	Jane Hobson,	50	Wm T Price,	50
Dr G Stidger,	50	Charles Berl,	50	Amanda Hannah,	50	Sundries,	16,50
TOTAL,				\$40,00			

SHORT CREEK AND LIBERTY.

John Wilson,	\$1,00	Susanna Bukey,	\$2,00	Pleasant Boone,	\$2,00	James Maxwell,	\$1,00
Ebenezer McCulloch,	1,00	Wm Bukey,	1,00	Susan S Morgan,	50	Hannah McCulloch,	50
Samuel McCulloch,	1,00	George Sartell,	50	Joseph W Morgan,	50	Daniel Harris,	50
Rebecca McCulloch,	1,00	Mary A Sartell,	1,00	Susan E Morgan,	61	David P Guthrie,	50
Edward Morgan,	1,00	Josiah Morgan, sen.,	1,00	Joseph Morgan,	1,00	Sundries,	5,85
Wm Bukey, sen.,	2,00	Hannah M Morgan,	1,00	Mary Jane Morgan,	1,00		
TOTAL,				\$26,46			

GRAVE CREEK.

J S Riggs, (collector)	\$1,00	Wm McConaugh,	\$1,00	Margaret Allen,	\$1,00	Samuel Cockayne,	\$1,00
Thomas Riggs,	1,00	E G Shaw,	50	Lucinda Anderson,	50	Walter Evans,	50
Jacob Cox,	50	Samuel Jones,	1,00	James Hurley,	50	Loxley Martin,	50
Joseph Hammon,	1,00	J Walters,	1,00	V P Gosby,	1,00	Edmund Leach, (col.)	50
John Kyle,	1,00	T D Clifton,	1,00	J J Roberts,	1,00	John Rodjison,	50
John Moon,	1,00	Thomas Carr,	50	James Richie,	50	Vincent Cockayne,	1,00
ybraham Dean,	1,00	John M Marshall,	50	John Richie,	1,00	Wm Rodjison,	50
Evaline Dean,	50	A H Anderson,	1,00	Dr S Griffith,	1,00	John McCarrin,	50
Eleanor Hammon,	50	Mrs Merchant,	1,00	Jesse Waymond,	50	Mary A Rodjison,	50
Eliza J Riggs,	50	Thos Johnson, (col.)	1,00	J M Leach,	50	Sarah J Higgs,	1,00
Cynthia Maslander,	50	Walter Roberts,	50	Eph Waymond,	50	Mary A Moorhouse,	50
W Clauston, (col.)	85	N Worfeit,	50	Leonard Waymond,	50	George Jones, (col.)	50
James Wright,	50	Benj Sheppard,	50	W Dunlap,	50	Samuel Jones,	50
Robert Hicks,	50	John Bonnum,	50	G W Dunlap,	50	P Jones,	50
JFW Hutchinson,	75	Squire Davis,	50	H Goner,	50	Thos Shack,	50
A Ogle,	50	James Blake,	50	Julia Zink,	50	John McWhorter,	50
Mrs Clauston,	50	J F Johnson,	50	John Ward,	2,00	Robert Shoemaker,	1,00
Ruth Carroll,	1,00	G W Evans,	50	John Leach,	50	Rebecca Stewart,	55
John Burley,	1,00	Elizabeth Evans,	50	Marshall Leach,	50	B Goffield,	50
S B Kettle,	55	Susan Hutchinson,	50	Sarah Dunlap,	50	George Echols,	50
Allen Lightner,	1,00	Phoebe Johnson,	50	E J Hellens,	50	Clement Leach,	50
Elizabeth Smith,	50	M J Allen,	50	Miss Noice,	50	Laban Riggs,	30
D N Anderson, (col.)	2,00	A Games, (col.)	1,00	J L Gibson, (col.)	1,00	Edward Hudsall,	50
J M Clauston,	1,00	Jesse Gurley,	1,00	Wm Gibson,	50	J McGrath,	1,00
J W Merchant,	5,00	Wm Allen,	1,00	Miles Boner,	1,00	J Jones,	50
Wm Steele,	5,00	Samuel Stuckland,	50	Jesse Boner,	1,00	C V Daniel,	1,00
Joshua A Fry,	1,00	G Manning,	1,00	John Blue,	50		
TOTAL,				\$77,60			

N. Clark,	\$1.00	Gould,	\$1.00	T A Cook,	\$3.00	Contributed by the	
W H Neal,	50	Mary Gardway,	1.00	Elizabeth Cook,	2.00	Sunday School,	\$5
Harriet Neal,	50	Eliza Sims,	50	Elizabeth Minix,	1.00	of which to consti-	
H C Neal,	50	Mary Franklin,	50	Elizabeth Miller,	50	tute Mrs A E Bald-	
J W Coffman,	1.00	Elizabeth Hayton,	50	John Coffman,	1.50	win 100	
T Logan,	2.00	Sarah Hagans,	75	Mrs Winters,	1.00	Conference Mis-	
T Tavener,	1.00	Ellen Irwin,	50	Catharine Neal,	50	sionary Society,	5.64
Josiah Gould,	50	Indiana Collett,	50	Other collections,	3.41		
TOTAL,							\$29.80

B S Cunningham, (col.)	\$3.00	A A Cokely,	\$1.00	M Rexroad,	\$	50	J Hardman, jun.,	\$	50
J W Lathrop,	50	A Harris,	50	M J Hill,	50	Rev J W Miller, (col.)	50		
S Clouse,	50	A Culp,	50	N P Beston, (col.)	50	T Tharp,	5,00		
D Smith,	50	J Strawley,	50	R Kendall,	50	A Law,	1,00		
J Moats,	50	D Riddle,	50	S Rexroad,	50	H Haden,	50		
H J Rexwood,	50	W Maly,	1,00	J Segler,	50	F Prunty, (col.)	1,00		
A Core,	50	J Rexroad,	50	S Kirkpatrick,	50	A Lauther,	1,00		
Wm Wigner,	50	W Pierpont,	50	J Starr,	1,00	P Pritchard,	1,00		
John Heaton,	50	J Malone,	1,00	O H Watson, (col.)	50	B Steward,	1,00		
John Dunlap,	50	W Ralston,	1,00	M Watson,	50	John Harris,	50		
E McClaskey,	50	W Webb,	50	J Watson,	50	George Pritchard,	50		
J McKinney,	50	R Blair,	50	H H Amiss,	50	Rev E Clayton,	1,00		
G Strader,	50	N Rexroad,	50	M Dean, (col.)	50	J R Jones,	50		
J M Reits, (col.)	50	Miss S Stevens,	1,00	W Butcher,	50	H D Martin,	50		
A S Core,	1,00	L Rexroad,	50	J W Mitchell,	50	H Rexroad,	50		
John Racy,	5,00	M Moats,	50	Pool Pardman,	50	Sundries,	18,68		
E Hison,	50	Mrs Watson,	50	H N Wilson,	50				
D Rider,	50	M Clouse,	50	Rev J Hardman,	1,00				
TOTAL,		-----						\$71,68	

J M Morgan, (collector.)	Vause Dobbins,	\$1.00	To constitute Rev Wm	To make J William-
To make Rev D Wad-	L Hissman,	1.00	Lynch a life mem-	son a life member.
dle a life member of	David Miller,	1.00		R Northcraft,
the Conference Mis-	To make Rev J Hare		R Northcraft,	\$1.00
ionary Society.	a life member.		J Kester,	\$1.00
Rev R Northcraft,	Levi Hissman,	1.00	Miss H E Bailey,	1.00
Abner Martin,	J Hugus,	1.00	Miss M Taylor,	1.00
Asa P Allen,	A J Morgan,	1.00	James Bailey,	1.00
Wm R Galloway,	E B Brannon,	1.00	To constitute Rev J L	
J M Morgan,	Wm Hallum,	1.00	Irwin a life member.	
To constitute Abner	To constitute Rev R		Harriet Kelly,	1.00
Martin a life mem-	Northcraft a life		Miss M E Bailey,	1.00
ber.	member.		Kate Tinkham,	1.00
Henry Flesher,	E Gibbs,	50	John Taylor,	1.00
Wm R Galloway,	L Hissum,	50	U V Gill,	1.00
J M Morgan,	V Dobbins,	50	C Bailey,	50
Eliza Smith,	E B Brannon,	50	S Murphy,	50
Levi Hissman,	D Miller,	50	Mrs H Flint,	50
R Northcraft,	Mrs B Hissum,	50	Nancy Kester,	50
Mrs M Allen,	Mrs R Varner,	50	Small collections,	7.00
Felix Flesher,	Mrs P Hugus,	50	C Wilson, (collector.)	
Mrs M Morgan,	Mrs Marsh,	50	To make V V Gill a	
Mrs Helen Martin,	Miss R G Morgan,	50	life member.	
Miss M Allen,	Lewis M Marsh,	2.50	R Ruttenccutter,	50
Miss L Smith,	Miss S C Morgan,	50	E Wells,	50
J M Morgan,	Miss E D Morgan,	50	F Locke,	50
Small collections,	Small sums,	2.00	J Porter,	50
E Brannon, (collector.)	Mrs R Varner,		Wm Reed,	50
To make Rev Perry a	B Haddox,	1.00	J Varner,	50
life member,	John G Morgan,	50	O Shingleton,	2.00
R Northcraft,	Mary E Bailey & Reb.		Sundries,	4.00
E B Brannon,	P Taylor (col.)		David Strait, (col.)	
				\$90.00
	TOTAL			

Angalina Athey, (col.)	Harry Dilts,	\$1.00	C M Cole,	\$	50	Cyrus Sutton,	\$	50
Sundries,	\$1.75	Peter Dilts,	1.00	Rebecca Hyatt,	50	Louisa Ward,	50	50
Wash Hoover,	50	Sundries,	2.00	Sundries,	75	Asbury Athey,	50	50
Sarah Woodyard, (col.)	Sardis Coles,	50	David Harellrigg,	50				
TOTAL						\$10.50		

D Nutter,	\$1.00	F Ball,	\$1.00	Sundries,	\$8.00
J Vazpelt,	50	A B Ball,	50		
TOTAL.....					\$11.00

Charleston District,--Malden Station.

Julia A Gatewood,	\$1.00	Simon Williams,	\$1.00	James Cowey,	\$.95	Small sums,	\$9.05
Joseph Ward,	50	Job Thayer,	50	William Christy,	50		
Rebecca Ward,	50	Francis Thayer,	50	Caroline Christy,	50		
TOTAL,							\$15.00

WALNUT GROVE CIRCUIT.

Celina L Summers,	\$10.00	Anne M Millan,	\$3.00	Mary Hall,	\$1.00		
Jane A Summers,	10.00	Mrs E Martin,	1.00	Sundries,	1.00		
Lyle Millan,	3.00	Rev A Hall,	1.00				
TOTAL,							\$30.00

WAYNE CIRCUIT.

Wm Clay,	\$1.00	Solomon Irons,	\$1.00	Dr Isalah Roberts,	\$1.00	Mary Peery,	\$1.00
Owen Dyer,	50	Wm G Hatten,	50	John Larkin,	1.00	Sarah Larkin,	50
Charles Parke,	50	James McClery,	50	James Larkin,	75	Julia A Larkin,	50
George W Kendrick,	50	Hanson Hatten,	50	Dennis Cassett,	50	Susan Larkin,	50
Wm Adams,	50	Wm Ray,	50	Greenville Lackey,	50	Charlotte Larkin,	50
Greenville Newman,	50	Wm Peery,	1.00	John Jones,	1.00	Cecelia Bussy,	50
David Luther,	1.00	Levi Larkin,	1.00	Benjamin Burke,	50	Emily Savage,	50
Joseph Newman,	50	Thomas Larkin,	50	Mary Burke,	50	Jane Piles,	50
John O Beckman,	50	Jefferson Belsha,	50	Lovenia Callahan,	50	Alvira McGinnis,	50
Henry Luther,	50	Samuel A McGinnis,	50	Mary A Jones,	50	Jenette Garrett,	50
Joseph Carter,	50	Strother Hatten,	50	Sarah A Savage,	5.00	Sundries,	19.73
TOTAL,							\$50.48

HAMLIN CIRCUIT.

J C Black,	\$.50	William Curry,	\$.50	G J Kiser,	\$.50		
James Ballard,	50	J T Carrol,	50	W C Mahone,	50		
Hiram Curry,	50	Cynthia Carrol,	50	Sundries,	50		
TOTAL,							\$4.86

Summerville District,--Summerville Circuit.

Samuel Grose, sen.	\$.50	A M Dorsey,	\$.50	Ann Dorsey,	\$.50	Sundries,	\$2.60
John Grose,	50	Malvina Odle,	50	Christopher Propet,	50	John Walker,	50
TOTAL,							\$6.10

FAYETTE AND RALEIGH.

Alfred Beckly,	\$1.00	James Cassaday,	\$1.00	Wiley Totum,	\$.50	Sundries,	\$5.00
J Kinkaid,	50	Thomas Bray,	50	William Ford,	50	Elizabeth Johnson,	50
Martha Bray,	50	J Tothum,	50				
TOTAL,							\$10.50

GLENNVILLE CIRCUIT.

R Whiting,	\$2.50	Sarah J Whiting,	\$2.50	Sundries,			\$5.00
TOTAL,							\$10.00

ELK RIVER CIRCUIT.

Rev N W Shannon,	\$.50	John Summers,	\$1.00	Sundries,	\$1.65	Sundries,	\$3.15
Susannah Shannon,	50	David Egle,	50	D Schoonover,	50	O V Jarret,	50
William Waggy,	50	John Egle,	50	Rev J King,	50	William King,	50
Benjamin Butler,	50	Charles Egle,	50	Charles King,	50	Henry Hill,	50
Josiah Hamrock,	50	H M Fitzwater,	50	John Sam, (collector,)	50	A J Hyman,	50
Enoch Egle,	50	Thomas H Roads,	50	John F Snyder,	50	Lewis Young,	50
Cynthia Egle,	50	Caroline Roads,	50	Ralph Smith,	50		
George Egle,	50	Sundries,	43				
TOTAL,							\$18.25

JAMES L. CLARK, Secretary.

Report of Committee on Memoirs.

REV. SILAS BURNS, was born in Fairmont, Marion County, Virginia, January 3d, 1828; embraced Religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, in February, 1848; was licensed to preach in February, 1850; and entered the travelling connexion in the Western Virginia Conference in June, 1851.

From the time of his conversion Bro. Burns exhibited, the Fruits of the Spirit, in Holy living. His personal piety was alike exemplary in the family, on the street, in the class-room, the prayer meeting, the Sabbath School, and wherever his vocation called him. In the pulpit he was clear, practical, and remarkably zealous. His third year in the ministry was spent in South Wheeling, where he was instrumental in the conver-

sion of many souls, and the elevation of the whole charge. But his career of usefulness was arrested in November, by an attack of hemorrhage from the lungs, which at last proved fatal. During all his sickness his heart and mind were kept in peace, and he constantly rejoiced in the hope of eternal life. To his physician he said—"I prefer to be with the Lord, yet if he so wills it, I am willing to recover." To his wife he remarked, on the day previous to his death—"I have a constant fullness of the love of God, and uninterrupted peace." "I long to be gone, to get home to rest. Sometimes I think the Lord may not take me now; but be that as it may, all will be right." To a Presbyterian brother in the ministry he observed—"I find Christ to be true, full and strong to support me in this affliction." When shaking hands with his presiding elder, at their last interview, in view of speedily finishing his course with joy he said—"Tell my brethern of the Conference that I have gone home." Thus died in sure and steadfast hope of eternal life and a glorious resurrection, on the 25th of December, 1854, our amiable, accomplished, and beloved brother Burns.

REV. WILLIAM SUMMERS, was born in Fairfax County., Va., in September 1796, and died in Martinsville, Belmont County, Ohio, March 29th, 1855.

When and where Brother Summers was converted, is not ascertained, but it appears that he joined the M. E. Church in Leesburgh, Carrol County, Ohio, and in or near that place he was licensed to preach. In 1832 he was admitted on trial in the travelling connexion, by the Pittsburgh Conference, and was appointed to New Lisbon circuit. The next year he was appointed to Freeport. In 1834 he was received into full connexion, ordained Deacon and appointed to Wellsburgh Station. The next two years he labored on Elizabeth Circuit, and the next two on Barnesville. In 1839 he was appointed to St. Clairsville Circuit, in 1840 to Martinsville, and in 1841 and 1842 he was appointed to Elizabeth. In 1843 his health being much impaired, a Supernumerary relation was given him and he was appointed to Leesburgh, and at the next Conference he was made effective and continued on the same circuit.—In 1845 and 1846 he was appointed to Triadelphia, in 1847 to Smithfield, in 1848 to Warrenton, in 1849 to Grave Creek, in 1850 to Ritchietown, and in 1851 and 1852 to Short Creek and West Liberty. In 1853 he was again in consequence of feeble health, placed in a supernumerary relation, and that relation was continued until it was terminated by death. Nearly twenty-three years he was a travelling preacher, during twenty of which he was effective; and probably no man ever endured the various trials of an itinerant life with greater cheerfulness than he.

Habitually kind, courteous and honorable in his deportment; calm and firm in his purposes; steadfast in his friendship, and uniformly cheerful in his social intercourse with others, he merited and won the confidence and esteem not only of his brethren, the ministry and membership of the church—but also of society in general. As a minister he

was faithful and successful—a “wholesome example and pattern to the flock of Christ;” a “faithful dispenser of the word of God, and of his holy sacraments;” and by the blessing of God upon his labors, many were awakened, converted and established in the faith of the Gospel.

His bodily sufferings during his last illness were very great, but his soul, sustained by grace, rested in tranquility and hope upon the immutable promises of Christ. To a brother in the ministry he remarked—“A present salvation—a *present* salvation is the only salvation which will meet our exigencies. I take the atonement in all its length and breadth and heighth.” “I feel that my confidence in God is unshaken. I have never had any fears of death since I have been converted, and I have not a doubt but I shall have a glorious reward in Heaven.” Thus passed away in full assurance of faith and holy triumph, our beloved Brother Summers, virtually crying with his expiring breath, “*Behold, behold the Lamb!*”

REV. ELI H. McLAUGHLIN, was born March 11, 1825, in Harrison County, Va., was converted at a Camp Meeting, held on Arnold’s Run, in the 18th year of his age, and died of Billious Pneumonia at his residence in Jackson Co., Va., April 3d, 1855 in the 31st year of his age.

Of his early history we are not particularly informed and of course can say but little. In 1852 he removed to Ritchie Co., Va., at which time he was engaged in the work of the itinerant ministry in connexion with the United Brethren in Christ.

He expressed a desire to become connected with the M. E. Church, was received and by the Quarterly Meeting Conference of Harrisville Circuit, recommended as a suitable person to be admitted into the traveling connexion. He was received by the W. Va., Conference during its session at Weston, and appointed to Harrisville Circuit. In 1854 he was appointed to Ripley Circuit, where he ceased at once to work and live.

As a man he possessed a large amount of energy combined with an ardent temperament. His talents as a preacher were good—he was “full of faith and the Holy Ghost,” and during the period of his short itinerant career, near 250 souls were gathered into the fold of Christ through his instrumentality. His illness, which he bore with that fortitude which christianity alone can inspire, was short. His end was peace. He has left a wife and several small children to mourn their loss, whom we commend to the sympathies, prayers and christian regard of the Church.

Thus has fallen in the midst of a life of usefulness, our brother in Christ—our co-laborer in the vineyard of the Lord—but he fell at his post and gathered his laurels upon the battle-field of death. “They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousnous as the stars forever and ever.”

J. DRUMMOND, Chairman.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATIONS, FOR 1856.

- 1st Year.—Bible Doctrines.....Wm. Wilson.
 Watson's Inst's., 1st part.....A. A. Reger.
 Wesley's Christian Perfection.....J. J. Dolliver.
 English Grammar, Geography, Essay or }
 Sermon.....J. Hare.
- 2d Year.—Bible Sacraments.....Benjamin Ison.
 Watson's Institutes, 2d part.....G. W. Arnold.
 Peck's Christian Perfection.....} R. L. Brooks
 Fletcher's Appeal.....}
 Methodist Discipline.....} W. C. McCarty.
 Essay or Sermon.....}
- 3d Year.—Bible History and Chronology.....J. S. Patterson.
 Watson's Institute, 3d part.....} S. R. Dawson.
 Butler's Analogy.....}
 Ruter's Church History.....}
 Rhetoric and Logic.....} Timothy B. Taylor.
 Essay or Sermon.....}
- 4th Year.—Review of the Whole Course.....Wm. Hunter.
 Watson's Institutes, 4th part.....Alex. Martin;
 Horn's Introduction.....} R. A. Arthur.
 Essay or Sermon.....}

FOR LOCAL PREACHERS.

DEACONS—Philip Green; Ashford Hall.

ELDERS—C. D. Battelle; Francis Guthrie.

To preach Missionary Sermon next year.....Alex. Martin.

Alternate.....J. S. Patterson.

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

WHEREAS, Our beloved brother, Wm. Hunter, having been recommended by the joint committees appointed at the last Annual Session of the Western Virginia, Pittsburg, and Erie Conferences, has, since the commencement of our present Session, been elected by the Trustees of Allegheny College, to the Professorship of Hebrew and Biblical Literature; Therefore,

Resolved, That we request the Bishop to appoint Brother Hunter to that Chair.

JAMES DRUMMOND,
 S. R. DAWSON.

PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.

Resolved, That the Secretaries of this Conference be, and they are hereby requested to procure at as early a date as may be practicable, the publication in pamphlet form of such portions of the proceedings of the body, as they shall deem proper.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

The following Resolutions of Thanks were presented to Conference and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That our thanks are due, and they are hereby most heartily tendered, to the citizens of Wheeling, for the kindness and generosity displayed in our entertainment, during the session of this Conference.

Resolved, That we gratefully acknowledge the Christian courtesy and kindness evinced by the Pastors and Trustees of Churches, both in and out of the city, whose houses of Worship we have used during our present session.

Resolved, That our thanks are hereby given to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, for reducing the fare of members of this body, and preachers attending our Annual Meeting.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be furnished by our Secretaries to the editors of the city newspapers, who are hereby respectfully requested to publish them.

JAMES DRUMMOND,
S. R. DAWSON.

COLONIZATION.

Resolved, By the members of the Western Virginia Annual Conference, in conference assembled, That we highly approve of the scheme now in successful operation, to colonize the people of color, to Africa, their native land, and that we will give to it our cordial support, and our fervent prayers, wherever our lots may be cast.

MOSES TITCHENELL.
H. Z. ADAMS.

TARDINESS.

Resolved, That in view of complaints against brethren for tardiness in attending to their appointments, we recommend and resolve upon greater punctuality in this respect.

TIMES FOR ANNUAL COLLECTIONS.

For Tract Society, in August; for Educational Fund in October; for Missions, in December; for Conference Collection in February; for Sunday School Union, in April, for Bible Cause, in May.

The Financial Plan adopted at a former Conference Session.

1. **RESOLVED**, That a meeting of the stewards and preacher or preachers, in each circuit or station, be held on the third Saturday after the close of each annual conference; the place of holding the meeting to be designated by the last quarterly conference for the year; but that the first quarterly meeting for the present year be the time of holding the first meeting.

2. **RESOLVED**, That it shall be the duty of the stewards at this meeting to make an estimate of the amount necessary to furnish house rent, fuel and table expenses, for the family or families of the preacher or preachers appointed to labor for them; the claim for quarterage shall then

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be added to the above estimate; and it shall be the duty of this meeting to divide the whole amount among the several classes of the circuit or station, according to the number, circumstances and privileges.

3. RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of this meeting to district the circuit or station among the stewards, giving each his proportion of the classes to attend to during the year.

4. RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of each steward, as soon as the estimate shall have been made, to inform each class within his district of the amount apportioned to them, and to inquire of each member what he or she is willing to give per week, according to Mr. Wesley's plan, or quarterly, for the support of the Gospel, in the circuit or station, and to write this opposite his or her name in the class-book.

5. RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of each leader or class-steward to see that this amount is regularly collected, and placed in the hands of the stewards or preachers weekly or quarterly.

6. RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of the stewards to circulate a subscription paper, for the support of the Gospel, at all the appointments where it may be deemed expedient, among those persons who are not members of the church, but are in the habit of attending upon our ministry.

7. RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of each Presiding Elder, in every quarterly conference of his district, to have the name of each leader called by the Secretary, and at the same time report the apportionment of his class, the amount received, and the deficiency, if any.—To inquire if there be any of our members who refuse to contribute to support the Gospel; and if any, their reasons for thus refusing. If their excuses are not satisfactory, it shall be the duty of the steward of that district of the circuit or station, or the preacher in charge, to visit them and try to convince them of the great evil that must result from such a principle, if carried out.

8. RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of the stewards, at every quarterly meeting, to make a report to all the members present, of the state of the finances of the circuit or station—stating the amount received, and the deficiency, if any, of each class.

9. RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of the leader of every class that may be reported deficient, to inform his class immediately after the quarterly meeting, of the amount of their deficiencies, individually.

10. RESOLVED, That each Presiding Elder be respectfully requested to inform this conference, when he represents his district, whether this financial system has been attended to in all his charges.

11. RESOLVED, That the Presiding Elders at the first quarterly meeting of this year, in each circuit and station, bring the subject before the Conference, that the stewards may be confirmed as the estimating committee provided for in the discipline—part 3, chapter 3, section 2, paragraph 6.

12. RESOLVED, That the last quarterly conference of this year be requested to appoint the stewards an estimating committee for the ensuing year, in conformity with the Discipline and this plan.

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List of Appointments and Post Offices.

Morgantown District, G. Martin, P. E., Morgantown, Monongalia co., Va.
 " Station, T. H. Monroe,
 " Ct. J. W. Snodgrass, G. J. Nixon, Sup'y, Morgantown, Monongalia co., Va.
 Palatine. W. Wilson, Palatine, Marion county Va.
 Brandonville, J. J. Dolliver, Brandonville, Preston county Va.
 Selbysport, Spencer King, Grantsville, Allegheny " Md.
 Kingwood, R. L. Brooks, Kingwood, Preston " Va.
 Oakland, Wm. Smith, Oakland, Allegheny
 Westernford, John Garner, Westernford, Randolph "
 Barbour, R. M. Wallace, A. Robe, Evansville, Preston county Va.
 Blacksville, J. M. Powell, Blacksville Monongalia "
 W. Hunter, Professor of Hebrew in Allegheny College, and member of the Morgantown
 Quarterly Conference, Meadville, Crawford county Pa.

Clarksburg District, Gordon Battelle, P. E., Fairmont, Marion county Va.

West Milford, J. W. Webb, West Milford, Harrison county Va,

Weston, Samuel Steele, Weston, Lewis county Va.

" Circuit, J. H. Temple, Weston, Lewis county Va.

Pruntytown, A. Stevens, Pruntytown, Taylor

Phillippi, Samuel Jones, Phillippi, Barbour "

Burnersville, P. Green, Burnersville, "

Fairmont, James Drummond, Fairmont, Marion "

Marion, Wesley Smith, Barracksville "

Lumberport, H. Stevens, Lumberport, Harrison "

Mannington, W. C. McCarty, Mannington, Marion "

Beverly, D. O. Stuart, Beverly, Randolph "

Knalls Creek, J. A. Williams.

North Western Virginia Academy.

R. A. Arthur, Clarksburg, Harrison. county Va.

Moses Titchenell, Tract Agent, Fairmont, Marion county Va.

Wheeling District, Wm. Lynch, P. E. Moundsville, Marshall county Va.

" Fourth Street, To be supplied, Wheeling, Ohio county Va.

" North Street, Benjamin Ison, " " "

" Chapline Street, S. R. Dawson, " " "

South Wheeling, J. B. Blakeny, " " "

Benwood, To be supplied, Benwood, Marshall "

Triadelphia, A. A. Reger, W. E. Williamson, L. Janny, sup. Triadelphia, Ohio county Va.

Short Creek and Liberty, Edward McCarty, West Liberty, Ohio county Va.

Elizabethtown, Cornelius D. Battelle, Moundsville, Marshall county Va.

Grave Creek, F. Guthrie, A. W. Gregg, " " "

Fish Creek, To be supplied, Adaline, " " "

New Martinsville, W R Howe, Wetzel county Va.

Parkersburg District, J. L. Irwin, P. E. Parkersburg, Wood county Va.

" J. S. Patterson,

Elizabeth, C. Conner, Wirt C. H., Va.

Murraysville, Isaac M. O'Fling, Murraysville, Jackson county Va.

Ripley and Mill Creek, D. H. K. Dix, Jackson C H Va.

California, M Shower, California, Jackson county Va.

Williamsport, J M Dudley, Williamsport, Wood county Va.

Hughes River, To be supplied, Newport Wirt county Va.

Harrisville, J B Hill, Ritchie C H Va.

West Union, J W Latham, D A McGinnis, sup. Doddridge C H Va.

Middlebourne, W L Hindman, Middlebourne, Tyler county Va.

Sistersville, A Hall, D Waddle, sup'y, Sistersville Tyler county Va

Glennville, L Park, Glennville Gilmer county Va:

Charleston District, J L Clark, P E, Kanawha " CH Va.

" Station, T B Taylor,

Malden, J M Phelps, " Salines, Va.

Mountain Cove, A Dixon, Mountain Cove, Nicholas county Va.

Summersville, Wm D Sandford, Summersville Nicholas county Va.

Fork Lick, J B Feathers, Fork Lick Nicholas county Va.

Sutton, P Vandervolt, Sutton Braxton county Va.
 Elk River, J T Carrol jr, Clendenning Kanawha county Va.
 Charleston Circuit, D O Carmack, Garrettsford Kanawha county Va.
 Buffalo, M D Vaughn, Buffalo Putnam county Va.
 Point Pleasant, G W Arnold, Point Pleasant Mason county Va.

Guyandotte District, J W Reger P E, Guyandotte Cabell county Va.

Guyandotte, R Northcraft, Guyandotte Cabell county Va.

Wayne, R L Woodyard and M Allen, Louisa Lawreeca Ky.

Sandy, R Hagar.

Piketon, To be supplied, Piketon Pike county Va.

Logan, A R Crislip, Logan C H Va.

Coal River, Valantine Sanford, Boone C H Va.

Fayette and Raleigh, H C Sandford, Beckleysville Raleigh county Va.

Clifton, J S Hall, Kanawha C H Va.

Hamline, B Hagar, Wirfield Putnam county Va.

Putnam, F R Boggess.

Monticello, To be supplied.

Cyrus Morey and Jesse Craig transferred to the Iowa Conference.

S G J Worthington and Robert Brooks transferred to the Rock River Conference.

H Z Adams transferred to the Ohio Conference.

Rules of Order adopted for the Government of the W. Va., Conference.

1. The Conference shall meet at 8 o'clock, A. M., and adjourn at 12 M.

2. The President shall take the chair, precisely at the hour to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by reading the Scriptures, Singing and Prayer, and shall have the minutes of the preceeding day read and approved.

3. He shall see that all business appertaining to the conference be brought forward, and conducted as directed by the Discipline.

4. He shall preserve order in all proceedings; and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of such an appeal, the question shall be taken without debate.

5. He shall plainly state every question, and put the same to vote whenever called for; and all motions or resolutions introduced by any member, shall be reduced in writing, if the preident, secretary, or any member request it.

6. When a motion or resolution is made and recorded, or a report presented and read by the Secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference; but any motion or resolut on may be withdrawn by the mover, before decision or amendment.

7. No new motion shall be made, until the one under consideration is disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection; unless one of the following should intervene, (which motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are placed) viz: indefinite postponement, or to a limited time, to amend, or lie on the table.

8. Every speaker, on any subject, shall rise and address the President, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the question, or from the rule and decorum of the Conference.

9. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice upon the same question, nor more than fifteen minutes at once, unless he obtain leave of the Conference, which shall be decided by vote without debate.

10. If in debate, one member misrepresent the arguments of another, the member who is misrepresented, shall have the liberty to rise and explain, and the other shall remain silent until such application be given.

11. When any member conceives that another is out of order, he may call the attention of the President to the case.

12. When speaking, each member shall have due regard to the feelings of his brethren, by avoiding irritating language and personal reflections.

13. When any motion or resolution shall have passed, it shall be in order for any person who voted in the majority to move for a reconsideration.

14. No member shall absent himself from the services of the Conference, without the leave of the Conference, unless he be sick or unable to attend.

15. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question, who is not within the bar at the time when the question is put by the President, except by leave of the conference; and every member who shall be within the bar at the time the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Conference for special reasons excuse him.

16. No motion shall be considered unless seconded.

17. The Secretary of the Conference, shall keep a journal of all the proceedings, and when approved, shall record the same in a book provided for that purpose. He shall call the list at the opening of each session, noting the absentees. He shall take charge of the journals, and all Conference papers, keep them safe, and have them forwarded to the place of the Conference sessions.

18. He shall allow no copy of papers, or extracts from the journals of the Conference, to be taken, without the leave of the Conference.

19. No Preacher shall bring any charge against any member of the Conference, until he has first given information of the same, either by letter or otherwise, so as the accused may have an opportunity of defence.

20. The President shall appoint all committees, not otherwise specially ordered by the Conference.

21. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

MINUTES
OF THE
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OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

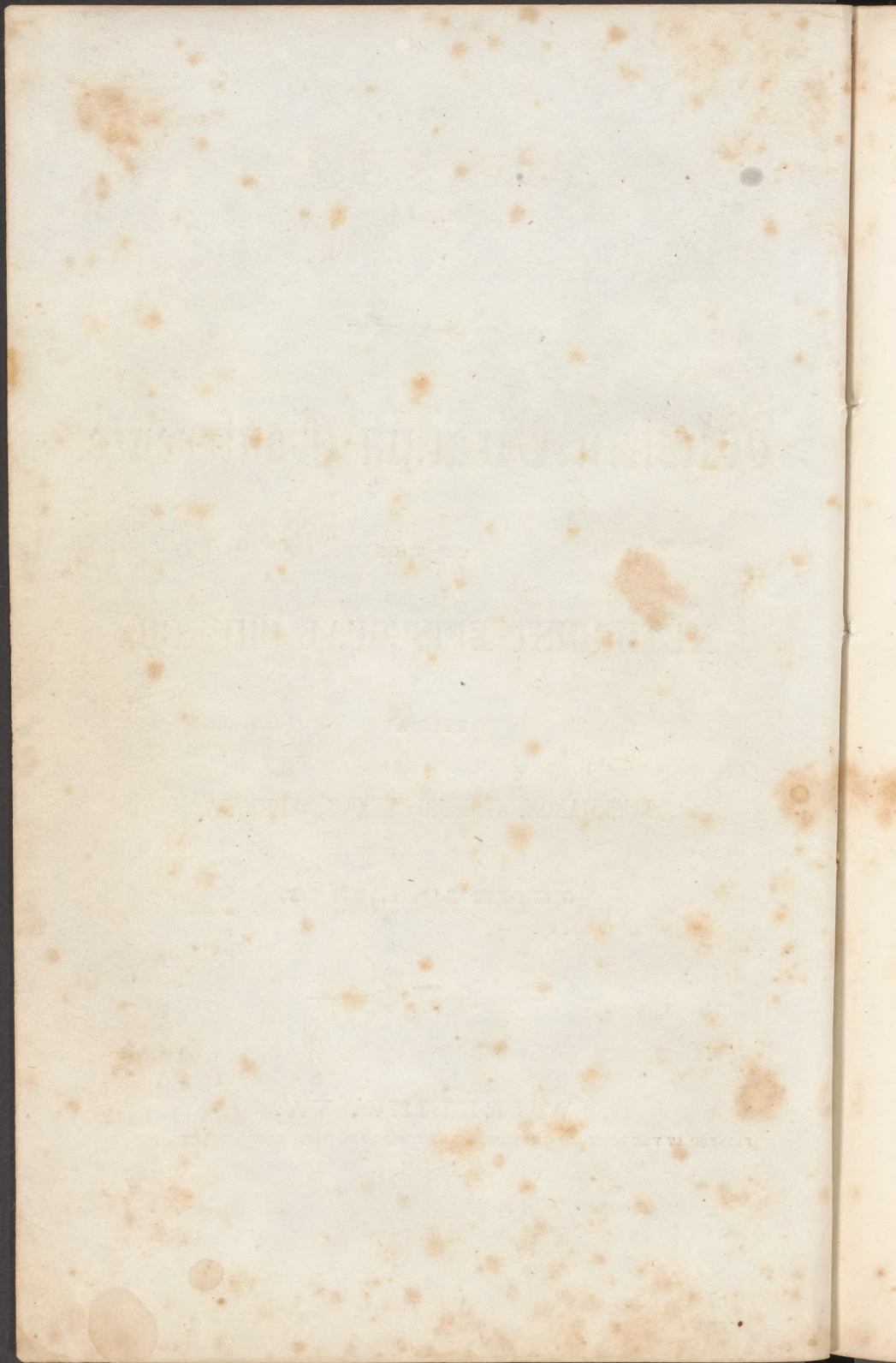
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MINUTES

Of the

WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

The Ninth Annual Session of the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was held in Buckhanon, Upshur Co., Va., commencing June 12th, 1856, and continued four days.

OFFICERS.—Rev. Bishop E. R. Ames, President; S. R. Dawson, Secretary; R. L. Woodyard, Assistant Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

ON PUBLIC WORSHIP.—G. Battelle, A. J. Lyda.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS.—W. Wilson, A. J. Lyda, B. Ison, J. S. Patterson, G. W. Arnold, R. Northcraft.

NECESSITOUS CASES.—The Conference Stewards.

MISSIONS.—The Presiding Elders.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—A. Stevens, M. D. Vaughn, J. S. Hall.

TRACT CAUSE.—R. L. Brooks, S. Steele, F. Guthrie, J. B. Hill, A. Dixon, B. Hagar.

MEMOIRS.—J. Drummond, R. L. Brooks, R. M. Wallace.

BIBLE CAUSE.—T. H. Monroe, F. Moore, A. Hall.

PITTSBURGH CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.—J. W. Snodgrass, J. Drummond, Ed. McCartney, W. L. Hindman, G. W. Arnold, F. R. Boggess.

TEMPERANCE.—J. B. Blakeney, F. Moore, S. Steele.

PARSONAGES.—Wesley Smith, D. H. K. Dix, J. J. Dolliver.

EDUCATION.—J. Drummond, T. H. Monroe, R. A. Arthur, J. S. Patterson, R. L. Woodyard.

ACCOUNTS FROM NEW YORK BOOK CONCERN.—S. Steele, J. Hare, A. Hall.

POST OFFICES.—Jno. B. Hill, M. D. Vaughn.

QUESTIONS OF THE GENERAL MINUTES.

Question 1.—WHO ARE ADMITTED ON TRIAL?

William R. Carroll, William H. Shaw, Thomas C. Hatfield, Franklin Ball, Larkin H. Dorsey.—5.

Question 2.—WHO REMAIN ON TRIAL?

Paul Vandervort, Marcellus Allen, Andrew W. Gregg, David O.

Stuart, Joseph H. Temple, Samuel Jones, William D. Sanford, Robert Hagar, A. R. Crislip, V. Sanford.—10.

Question 3.—WHO ARE ADMITTED INTO FULL CONNECTION?

Joseph B. Feather, William E. Williamson, James W. Latham, David O. Carmack, John Garner, Jer. W. Webb, John M. Powell, Isaac M. O'Flyng, Henry C. Sanford, Felix R. Boggess, John M. Phelps, Richard M. Wallace.—10.

Question 4.—WHO ARE THE DEACONS?

Those marked thus (*) were ordained this year. Joseph B. Feather,* William E. Williamson,* James W. Latham,* David O. Carmack,* John Garner,* Jer. W. Webb,* John M. Powell,* Isaac M. O'Flyng,* Henry C. Sanford,* F. R. Boggess, John M. Phelps, Richard M. Wallace, Thomas H. Trainer, Richard Northcraft, James T. Carrol, jr., William R. Howe.—16.

Question 5.—WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED & ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR?

Edward McCarty, John B. Hill, James B. Blakeney.—3.

Question 6.—WHO HAVE LOCATED THIS YEAR?

William Wilson, John M. Dudley, William Smith, William Lynch, W. C. McCarty.—5.

Question 7.—WHO ARE THE SUPERNUMERARY PREACHERS?

D. A. McGinnis, Daniel Waddle, Lewis Janney, T. B. Taylor.—4.

Question 8.—WHO ARE THE SUPERANNATED PREACHERS?

John Birkett, Garrett Jones, William Hardwick.—3.

Question 9.—WHO HAVE BEEN EXPELLED THIS YEAR?—None.

Question 10.—WHO HAVE WITHDRAWN THIS YEAR?—None.

Question 11.—WERE ALL THE PREACHERS EXAMINED THIS YEAR?

This was strictly attended to by calling over their names before the Conference.

Question 12.—WHO HAVE DIED THIS YEAR?

Jesse Freeland, Alpheus Robe, (Second year on trial.) See memoirs.

Question 13.—WHAT ARE THE NUMBERS IN SOCIETY?

White Members,.....15,995 Colored,501

Probationers,.....2,908

Local Preachers,.....171

Total this year,.....19,074

Last year,.....18,856

Increase,.....218

Decrease,.....60

(See General Statistics.)

Question 14.—WHAT AMOUNTS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE SUPERANUATED PREACHERS AND THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF PREACHERS, AND TO MAKE UP THE DEFICIENCIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED THEIR REGULAR ALLOWANCE ON THE CIRCUITS.

Answer \$2,802 00.

Question 15.—WHAT HAS BEEN COLLECTED ON THE FOREGOING ACCOUNTS, AND HOW HAS IT BEEN APPLIED ?

Chartered Fund,.....	\$ 30 00
Conference Collections,.....	123 00
Collections for Necessitous Cases,.....	20 00
	\$173 00

The foregoing collections were divided as follows:

D. A. McGinnis,.....	\$ 4 90	J. T. Carrol, jr.,.....	\$10 00
Widow Summers,.....	9 00	M. D. Vaughn,.....	25 00
Widow Freeland,.....	55 25	R. Hagar,.....	12 00
John M. Phelps,.....	10 00	V. Sanford,.....	7 00
J. B. Feather,.....	8 00	B. Hagar,.....	10 00
Paul Vandervort,.....	5 00	W. R. Howe,.....	10 00
C. Conner,.....	5 00	Stationary,.....	2 06

Question 16.—WHAT HAS BEEN CONTRIBUTED FOR THE SUPPORT OF MISSIONS, WHAT FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION, WHAT FOR THE PUBLICATION AND CIRCULATION OF TRACTS, AND WHAT TO AID THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY ?

Missions,.....	\$2,458 55
Sunday School Union,.....	103 83
Bible Society,.....	203 36
Tract Society,.....	608 33

Question 17.—WHERE ARE THE PREACHERS STATIONED ?

See Appointments.

Question 18.—WHEN AND WHERE SHALL OUR NEXT CONFERENCE BE HELD ?

In Moundsville, Marshall Co., Va., April 1857.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The following Local Preachers were elected and ordained Deacons this year, viz: Jesse Bouse and Solomon Engle. William G. Hobbs was recommended to receive Deacons' Orders, but was not elected, not being present. The Conference by a rule adopted four years ago, requires all candidates for Orders to pass an examination before a committee of conference.

David Hall was elected and ordained an Elder. R. D. Callehan was recommended for Elders' Orders, but was not elected, being absent.

M. Shower was discontinued.

The Conference concurred in the recommendation of the last General Conference, to change the Second Restrictive Rule so as to "insert 'one for every forty-five,' instead of 'one for every thirty.'" Fifty-five voted in favor, none against, fifteen being absent.

The Conference also concurred in the resolution of the last General Conference, recommending the Annual Conferences to change the Discipline, paragraph 3, section 2, part 1, so as to allow the appointment of a Missionary Bishop or Superintendent for any of our Foreign Missions, limiting his Episcopal jurisdiction to the same respectively. The Conference concurred by a vote of fifty-four in favor, one against, fifteen being absent.

By request of the committee on Memoirs, Richard L. Brooks was appointed to prepare a memoir of Jesse Freeland, and forward it to the Book Agents at New York for publication in the General Minutes.

The character of William R. Howe was passed, with the understanding that he be examined on the third year's course of study at the next annual session.

The claim of the Western Book Concern against Eli H. McLaughlin, dec'd., was placed in the hands of the Presiding Elder of Parkersburg District.

The Conference by resolution, requested the Bishops to change the time of holding the sessions of this Conference in future, from June to April.

The Conference re-adopted the Financial Plan of a former session for the present year.

The times for lifting the collections last year were fixed upon for lifting the collections this year, viz: For Tract Society, in August or September; Educational Fund, in October; Missions in December; Conference Collections, in February; Sunday School Union, in April; Bible Cause, in May.

S. R. Dawson and James Drummond were elected members of the Publishing Committee of the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate.

The Conference directed that the contributions of the Presiding Elders to the Missionary Society, be published with the contributions of the other Preachers.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Stations.	Members.				Monies.			Tracts.				
	Whites,.....	Probationers,.....	Colored,.....	Local Preachers,.....	Missions,.....	Sunday School,....	Bible Society,.....	Tract Money,.....	Pages Distributed,...	No. of Volumes,....	Value of Volumes,...	Conversions,.....
Morgantown District,.....												
Morgantown Station,.....	127	74	22	1	\$442 41	8 90	100	25 12				
Monongalia,.....	605	75	4	5	46 62	5 00	2 00	30 00	15 000	17	5 00	
Palatine,.....	224	16	3	5	15 00	1 00	1 22	10 50				
Brandonville,.....	271	26		3	64 50			12 55				
Selbysport,.....	200	48		4	7 00	1 10	1 25					
Kingwood,.....	415	56	6	4	46 96	1 80	1 36	13 35	10 160	67	12 89	
Oakland,.....	217	17										
Westernford,.....	241	45		2	14 75		1 00	1 15				
Barbour,.....	749	65	6	2	70 50	3 00	4 25	5 33	2 600			
Blacksville,.....	205	27		2	84 04	2 96	1 93					
Morgantown Circuit,.....	380	36	1		55 00	5 00	3 09	17 39	10 050	5	137	
TOTAL,.....	3634	485	42	28	\$846 78	28 76	11 609	115 39	37 810	89	1926	
Clarksburg District,.....												
Clarksburg,.....	59		30		19 50			14 15	5220	16	3 60	
West Milford,.....	610	90	3	5	32 25							
Weston,.....	76	15	12	1								
Weston Circuit,.....	290	50	1	5	5 00							
Pruntytown,.....	380	31	12	6	44 46	4 86	4 50					
Phillippi,.....	544	72		8	45 60							
Burnersville,.....	327	18		5	25 47	1 00	1 00	1 00	80			
Buckhanon,.....	207	17		1		2 05		10 00				
Fairmont,.....	106	17	15	2	9 00			10 00				
Marion,.....	455	128	1	3								
Lumberport,.....	290	1		2	10 00	2 00		20 90	8520	7	2 35	
Mannington,.....	332	146	1	4	3 51	1 00	1 00	9 00				
Beverly,.....	293	22	29	2	5 00							
Knall's Creek,.....	156	30		2	7 18		50					
TOTAL,.....	4125	637	104	48	206 97	10 91	7 00	65 05	13820	22	5 95	
Wheeling District,.....												
Wheeling, 4th Street,.....	328	75	25	2	228 06	11 55	21 61	40 11	12000	36	10	
" North Street,.....	128	85		1	45 50	3 00	8 00	21 55	9225	14	4 62	
" Chapline Street,.....	210	47			110 13	10 00	10 00	18 16	11480	8	2 09	
South Wheeling,.....	55	32		1	9 62	4 00		9 00	14500	13	4 00	4
Benwood,.....	84	63		1	6 11							
Triadelphia,.....	270	63	9	1	13 00	2 00	10 00	11 70				
Short Creek,.....	125	14	6		29 75	2 85		31 53	13740	20	5 73	
Elizabethtown,.....	130	10	10	3	30 00			26 00				
Grave Creek,.....	497	148	3	6	170 00	9 83	9 83	24 32	11420			
Fish Creek,.....	223	30	2	1								
New Martinsville,.....	209	34	4	5	10 00							
TOTAL,.....	2259	601	59	21	752 17	43 33	59 44	182 37	71365	91	26 44	4
Parkersburg District,.....												
Parkersburg,.....	108	19	22	1	29 75	2 00	1 00	6 67	5275	5		
Elizabeth,.....	223	13		5	5 00			9 07	3300	40	10 00	
Murrysville,.....	82	47		3	27 50	1 00		4 00		30	6 00	
Ripley and Mill Creek,.....	236	14		3	11 32			2 50		21	5 88	
California,.....	189	46		4								
Williamsport,.....	128	5		4	25 00							
Hughes' River,.....	81	17		1	15 75							
Harrisville,.....	485	88	1	8	38 35	3 00	3 00	31 27	7500	24	6 20	
West Union,.....	203	21	1	2	31 62		1 00					
Middlebourne,.....	269	2	5	2	1 60			17 65	11760	4	1 45	
Sistersville,.....	267	79	2	2	70 68			15 17	12700			
Glenville,.....	311	27	2	4	15 00	2 50	2 50					
TOTAL,.....	2582	378	33	59	271 57	8 50	7 50	56 33	40535	124	29 55	

GENERAL STATISTICS---CONTINUED.

Stations.	Members.				Monies.			Tracts.			
	Whites.....	Probationers....	Colored.....	Local Preachers,	Missionary in ny,	Sunday School..	Bible Society...	Tract money....	Pages.....	No. of Volumes.	Val. of Volumes
Charleston District,											
Charleston, Station,.....	60	42	200		5 00						
Melden,.....	116	11		1	8 00						
Mountain Cove,.....	157	9	2	3	3 50						1
Summersville,.....	160	46	1	1	6 00						
Fork Lick,.....	198	26		2	7 37						
Sutton,.....	231	39	1	3	15 60						
Elk River,.....	256	76		2	95				5225		
Charleston Circuit,.....	154	39		2	10 50			5 00	9000		
Buffalo,.....	129	29	2	2	2 40						
Point Pleasant,.....	142	30	4	1	60 75	9 10	7 00	11 00	20000	30	5 50
TOTAL,	1603	347	210	17	120 07	9 10	7 00	16 00	34255	30	5 50
Guyandotte District,											
Guyandotte,.....	140	25	2		3 00						
Wayne,.....	297	43	3	2	67 19	50		8 33	9271	26	12 50
Sandy,.....	271	67	5	2	10 00	3 00					
Pikeon,.....											
Logan,.....	236	61	4	1	6 00						
Coal River,.....	252	87	23	5	7 00						
Fayette and Raleigh,.....	200	35	3	2	5 00						
Clifton,.....	137	81	3	2	4 10		1 83				
Hamline,.....	138	56		1	1 40						
Putnam,.....	81	5	10	1	32 00	2 00	4 00	2 00	2000		
Monticello,.....	40										
TOTAL,	1792	460	53	18	129 69	11 50	6 33	10 33	11271	26	12 50
RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.											
Morgantown District,.....	3631	487	42	28	\$846 78	\$28 76	116 09				
Carksburg do.	4125	637	104	48	206 97	10 91	7 00				
Wheeling do.	2859	601	5	21	752 17	43 33	59 44				
Parkersburg do.	2582	378	33	39	271 57	8 50	7 50				
Charleston do.	1603	347	210	17	120 07	9 10	7 00				
Guyandotte, do.	1792	460	53	18	129 69	11 50	6 33				
TOTAL,	15995	2908	501	171	2327 25	112 10	203 36				

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

	Number of Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Vol in Library,	No. of Bible Classes,	Scholars in Infant Classes.	Expenses of schools this year.	Raised for benevo- lent purposes.	Sunday School Advan- ces taken.	Conversions.
Morgantown District,.....										
Morgantown Station,.....	1	50	270	300	3	45	35 00	8 90	53	6
Morgantown Circuit,.....	7	87	316	606	3	3	32 75	5 00		6
Palatine,.....	8	78	467	934	2	6	26 50	5 00		6
Monongalia,.....	6	61	258	595	9	5				
Brandonville,.....	3	3	138	950						
Selbysport,.....										
Kingwood,.....	10	96	415	1023	7	306	10 00	1 80		30
*Oakland,.....	7	67	242	720	13	110				
Westernford,.....	5	63	250	650	4	69		3 00		6
Barbour,.....	5	58	242	904	8	54	36 00	2 96		3
Blacksville,.....										
TOTAL.....	52	543	2518	6686	49	597	140 25	26 66	53	51
Clarksburg District,.....										
Clarksburg,.....	2	6	90	350			13 20			
West Milford,.....	8	96	400	1000	9	300	15 00		10	10
*Weston,.....	8	80	350	700		100				
Pruntytown,.....	2	15	100	150	4		8 00	4 80		
Phillippi,.....	10	102	475	807	2		13 00		92	20
Burnersville,.....	3	19	93	230						
Fairmont,.....	1	27	71	100		35			15	
*Marion,.....	5	55	250	500						
Lumberport,.....	2	23	69	370	3	38	1 50			
Mannington,.....	5	53	153	441						6
Beverly,.....	3	18	120	300	2	18	2 50	50		6
Knall's Creek,.....	4	16	100	28						
TOTAL.....	53	510	2271	4976	20	491	53 20	5 36	117	42
Wheeling District,.....										
Wheeling, 4th Street,.....	2	39	355	800	10	80	155 00	11 55	170	24
" North Street,.....	3	37	379	910	3	75	65 00	3 16	100	34
" Chapline Street,.....	1	26	209	550	8	65	139 78	10 00	100	18
South Wheeling,.....	1	20	100	350	1		39 90	4 00	33	4
Benwood,.....	3	35	130	350						8
Triadelphia,.....	4	47	245	700	10		56 13	2 00		12
Short Creek and Liberty,.....	3	33	90	200	1	11		2 85		
Elizabethtown,.....	1	24	100	300		20			12	11
*Grave Creek,.....	10	112	384	1475	25	11		9 83		
Fish Creek,.....										
New Martinsville,.....	5	45	350	345	3	300	10 00			
TOTAL.....	33	418	2333	5980	61	562	465 81	53 33	415	111
Parkersburg District,.....										
Parkersburg,.....	1	16	75	290			37 86		33	12
*Elizabeth,.....	5	25	125	500						
Murrys ville,.....	4	25	150	140			15 00	1 00	13	5
Ripley and Mill Creek,.....										
California,.....										
Williamsport,.....										
Hughes' River,.....	3	18	100	260	3					1
Harrisville,.....	5	49	174	327	13	125		3 00		9
West Union,.....	6	40	238	440	1		29 05			
Middlebourne,.....	2	22	75	125	2					
Sistersville,.....	5	54	172	600		12	24 50			11
*Glenville,.....	3	38	64	223	5	24				
TOTAL.....	34	287	1173	2887	24	161	106 41	4 00	46	38

	Number of Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Lib'y.	No. Bible Classes.	Scholars in Infant classes.	Expenses of school this year.	Raised for benevolent purposes.	Sunday School Ad. votes taken.	Conversions.
Charleston District,										
*Charleston, Station,.....	1	7	40	125						
*Malden,.....	2	10	100	500	4					
Mountain Cove,.....										
Fork Lick,.....										
Sutton,.....	3	25	85	225					1	4
Elk River,.....										
*Charleston Circuit,.....	5	24	70	200	1	30				
Buffalo,.....	3	18	100	160	1					
Point Pleasant,.....	3	27	160	820	2		96	9 10		
TOTAL,	17	111	555	2030	8	30	96	9 10	43	4
Guyandotte District,										
Guyandotte,.....	2	12	60	124	1		5 00	50		
Wayne,.....	3	24	60	333						
Sandy,.....										
Piketon,.....										
Logan,.....	4	16	102		8	50	6 00			
Coal River,.....										
Fayette and Raleigh,.....										
Clifton,.....	4	28	128	200	2	40	15 00			
Hamline,.....										
Putnam,.....										
TOTAL,	13	80	350	750	11	90	26 00	50		

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

Morgantown District,.....	52	543	2518	6686	41	597	140 25	26 66	53	51
Clarksburg do.	53	510	2271	4976	20	491	53 20	5 36	117	42
Wheeling do.	33	418	2333	5980	61	562	465 80	53 33	415	111
Parkersburg do.	34	287	1173	2887	24	160	106 41	4 00	46	38
Charleston do.	17	111	555	2030	8	30	96	9 10	43	4
Guyandotte, do.	13	80	350	750	11	90	26 00	50		
TOTAL,	202	1949	9190	23309	173	1930	792 62	58 95	674	246

* Report of last year.

REPORT

Of the Stewards of the Western Virginia Conference.

The Stewards submit the following as their report. As near as we can ascertain, the whole claims, receipts and deficiencies are as follows:

Claims,.....	\$23,645 00
Receipts,.....	20,843 00

Deficiency,.....	2,802 00
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To question 15, page 36 of Discipline "What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied? We answer,

Conference Collections,.....	\$123 21
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Draft on Chartered Fund,.....	30 00
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Collections for Necessitous Cases,.....	20 00
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Total,.....	\$173 21
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As the Stewards were instructed by the Conference to dispense with the "per centage system," and to exercise their discretion in dividing the funds among the most necessitous, and as the Stewards are the "Committee on Necessitous Cases," they have added the "Necessitous Money" to the "Conference Collections, &c.," and applied the whole as follows, viz:

D. A. M'Ginnis, (paid book agent.).....	\$ 4 90	Brought up,.....	\$51 90
Widow Summers,.....	9 00	M. D. Vaughn,.....	25 00
John M. Phelps,.....	10 00	R. Hagar,.....	12 00
J. B. Feather,.....	8 00	V. Sanford,.....	7 00
Paul Vandervort,.....	5 00	B. Hagar,.....	10 00
C. Conner,.....	5 00	William R. Howe,.....	10 00
J. T. Carrol, jr.,.....	10 00	Widow Freeland,.....	55 25
		Stationary,.....	2 06

Carried up,.....	\$51 90
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Buckhanon, Va., June 16, 1856.

Total,.....	\$173 21
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WM. WILSON, Ch'm.

Annie Merner Pfeiffer Library
Methodist Historical Room
Wesleyan College

Wheeling District,.....

Wheeling, 4th Street,
do., North Street,
do., Chapline Street,
do., South Wheeling,

Benwood,
Triadelphia,
do.,

Short Creek and Liberty,
Elizabethtown,
Grave Creek,
do., do.,

Fish Creek,
New Martinsville,

Wm. Lynch, P. E.....

F. Moore,
B. Ison,
S. R. Dawson,
J. B. Blakeney,

A. A. Reger,
W. E. Williamson,
L. Janney, supernumerary,
Edward McCarty,
C. D. Battelle,
F. Guthrie,
A. W. Gregg,

William R. Howe,

3	1	\$272	00	200	38	\$80	00	\$530	00	\$552	00	38	00	\$10	00
3	1	272	00	600	00	175	00	1047	00	1047	00			\$11	40
1		216	00	207	00	84	00	507	00	507	00	8	00		13
3		248	00	274	00	120	00	642	00	642	00	8	00		18
		100	00	140	00			240	00	240	00				6
2	1	256	00	150	00	P		406	00	406	00				9
		100	00					100	00	100	00				
1		216	00	134	00			350	00	350	00			6	05
1		224	00	268	00	P		492	00	449	53	42	42	6	30
1		224	00	138	00			362	00	332	83	29	17	8	53
		100	00					100	00	91	51	8	49		15
															25
															5
		297	50	143	00	36	00	477	50	346	18	131	32		1

Parkersburg District,.....

Parkersburg Station,
Elizabeth,
Murraysville,
Ripley and Mill Creek,
California,
Williamsport,
Hughes' River,
Harrisville,
West Union,
do.,
Middlebourne,
Sistersville,
do.,
Glenville,

J. L. Erwin, P. E.,.....

J. S. Patterson,
C. Conner,
I. M. O'Flyng,
D. H. K. Dix,
Supply,
J. M. Dudley,
Supply,
J. B. Hill,
J. W. Latham,
D. A. McGinnis, Sup'y.
W. L. Hindman,
A. Hall,
D. Waddle, Sup'y.
L. Park,

2	3	\$304	00	311	00			\$615	00	\$538	14	76	85		
2		248	00	152	00	P		400	00	400	00			2	10
2		248	00	150	00	P		398	00	265	85	132	15	3	00
		100	00					100	00	100	00				5
		200	00	50	00	20	00	270	00	200	50	69	50		35
		150	00					150	00	150	00				
2		232	00	75	00	P		307	60	139	09	167	91		15
		120	00					120	00	120	00				
3		248	00	150	00	P		398	00	398	00			2	00
		100	00					100	00	100	00				10
2		232	00	100	00	P		332	00	212	00	120	00	2	62
		200	00	60	00	40	00	300	00	235	23	64	77		46
2		232	00	85	00	18	00	332	00	226	52	105	48		7

Charleston District,.....

Charleston Station,
Malden,
Mountain Cove,
Summerville,
Fork Lick,
Sutton,
Elk River,
Charleston Circuit,
Buffalo,
Point Pleasant,

J. L. Clark, P. E.,.....

T. B. Taylor,
J. M. Phelps,
A. Dixon,
W. D. Sandford,
J. B. Feather,
P. Vandervort,
J. T. Carroll,
D. O. Carmack,
M. D. Vaughn,
G. W. Arnold,

2		\$248	00	162	00	\$90	00	\$500	00	\$445	78	54	22		\$23
		200	00	268	00			463	00	170	30	298	00	\$4	00
1	2	164	00	50	00			204	00	156	13	47	87		15
		100	00					100	00	100	00				1
		200	00	50	00			250	00	191	00	69	00		10
		100	00					100	00	48	00	52	00		10
		100	00					100	00	65	00	35	00		5
1	1	240	00	50	00	15	00	305	00	214	85	105	15		15
		100	00					100	00	54	88	45	12		16
1	1	240	00	100	00	45	00	385	00	159	00	226	00		
3		248	00	125	00	50	00	423	00	423	00			6	00

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.	Children over 7 years. Children under 7 years.	Quartermen,.....	Table Expenses,.....	Rent,	Total.....	Receipts,.....	Deficiencies,	Conference col.....	Necessitous cases.....	Traveling expenses,...
Guyandotte District.....	J. W. Reger, P. E.,.....	1 2	\$264 00	225 00	125 00	\$614 00	\$614 00				19 00
Guyandotte Station,	R. Northeraft,		100 00			100 00	100 00				17 21
Wayne,	R. L. Woodyard,		100 00			100 00	88 64	11 36			17 10
do,	M. Allen,		100 00			100 00	88 64	11 36			
Sandy,	R. Hagar,		200 00	50 00		250 00	145 00	105 00			
Piketon,											10 00
Logan,	A. R. Crislip,		100 00			100 00	77 80	22 20			10 00
Coal River,	Vanlinden Sandford,		100 00			100 00	58 00	42 00			10 00
Fayette and Raleigh,	H. C. Sandford,		100 00			100 00	82 91	17 07			10 00
Clifton,	James S. Hall,		100 00			100 00	100 00				10 00
Hamlin,	B. Hagar,	2 1	256 00	75 00		331 00	168 66	163 34			18 00
Putnam,	F. R. Boggess,		100 00			100 00	100 00				15 00
TOTAL.....						23 645 00	20 843 00	2 802 00	123 21	\$20	

COMMUNICATION

From the Trustees of Allegheny College.

To the Bishop and Members of the Western Virginia Conference, A. D. 1856.

REVEREND SIRS, At a meeting of the Board of the Trustees of Allegheny College, held some weeks ago, a committee was appointed to prepare an address to your Conference, as also to certain others of a like character, touching the interests and condition of that Institution, for the last twelve months. The chairman of that committee, the Rev. Dr. Barker, left soon after, to attend the General Conference of your Church, but with the expectation of returning in time to prepare the necessary document. He has however, been detained longer than was expected, and learning that your Conference meets somewhat earlier than was by some anticipated, and not wishing that its session should pass by without some communication from the College, as the Presiding Officer of the Board of Trustees, I have, at this late hour, and in the absence of other available aids, deemed it but right to make myself the medium of sentiments, for this purpose, to your venerable body.

The past year of the College has been marked by a kind Providence in all its varied interests. The health of the Professors has been good, and their attendance upon their official duties prompt and efficient.—The average number of students has been about and their deportment and proficiency in learning, such as to commend them to the approval and kind wishes of those under whose charge and supervision they were placed. The graduating class for the approaching commencement is somewhat larger than any preceeding one, and it is confidently expected that each succeeding year will find an advance over its predecessor.

At the opening of the present year, the Rev. Dr. Hunter entered upon the duties of his appointment as Professor of Biblical Literature, and thus far has met the fondest expectations of the friends of the Institution. This new department in which the truth of God is to be exclusively taught, we may reasonably hope, will exert an influence both in literature and religion which must reflect the wisdom and benevolence of those who originated it, and by whose zeal and energy it has, thus far, proved so successful. The endowment of the Professorship has not, as yet been fully completed, but it is not supposable that it will be left long in this condition. The exigencies of the times, with the benevolence contemplated in its creation, alike demand that this department should

be placed, at an early day, beyond doubts or human casualties. At present, the promise is cheering; may the future have nothing to blight it.

The Financial condition of the College, otherwise, is but little different from what it was when the Board last presented its annual communication to your body.

Wishing you, Christian brethren, that wisdom which will guide you into all truth and usefulness, I remain yours very respectfully,

DAVID DERICKSON,

Pres't. of Board of Trustees of Allegheny College.

Meadville, June 7, 1856.

COMMUNICATION

From the Trustees of Fairmont Male and Female Seminary.

To the Bishops and Members of the Western Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church, to be held in Buckhanon, June 12th 1856.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN, The Board of Trustees of the Fairmont Male and Female Seminary, beg leave to present, for the consideration and action of your body, the following statement in reference to the Institution under their care.

Near the close of last Winter an effort was made on the part of several friends of education, in this place, Palatine, and their vicinities, to provide a Seminary of learning for both sexes, that should be able to meet the growing demands of this community. A brick dwelling three stories high, heretofore used as a Hotel, was offered with the ground pertaining to it, for the above purpose, for the sum of three thousand dollars. Subscriptions for the purchase and furnishing of this property for the purpose above named, were circulated; one of the conditions of said subscription being that "said Seminary is to be under the control and patronage of the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church." These subscriptions payable in one and two years, have already amounted to some two thousand six hundred dollars. An act of incorporation granting the usual rights and privileges in such cases was obtained from the Legislature at its last session. It was deemed advisable that the School should be opened the present season. The Board deem themselves fortunate in having secured the services of the Rev. W. R. White, A. M., a member of the Baltimore Conference, as Principal of the Seminary. Mr. White is a graduate of Dickinson College and comes recommended to us, not only as a gentleman of superior literary attainments, but also as having a successful experience of several years as an instructor in other Semina-

ries in the Central and Eastern portion of this State. The first session of our Seminary was opened on the 19th ult., and thus far the tokens of the success of the enterprize are highly encouraging.

Having given this brief reference to the history of this enterprize, we need only add; 1st. That in accordance with the intention and desire of the originators of the Institution, the Board of Trustees respectfully request the Conference to assume the "patronage and control" of the Seminary, nominating from time to time, to the Trustees a suitable person as Principal of the Seminary, appointing a committee of yourbody to visit the Institution and report as to its working, condition, &c.

2nd. The Board desire that the Conference may express its approval of the appointment of Rev. W. R. White, A. M., to the post which he now holds.

3rd. The Board would further ask that the Conference at its present session and hereafter, would commend the Seminary to the patronage of the community.

Signed by order, and in behalf of the Board of Trustees.

CHAS. H. CONNELLY, Sec'y.

F. H. PEIRPOINT, Pres't.

REPORT

Of the Treasurer of the Educational Fund.

Report of Nathan Goff, Treasurer of the Western Virginia Educational Society, to the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Received Cash of W. Smith, Sept. 1855,.....\$104 56

Loaned same to Rev. R. A. Arthur,..... 104 56

Received interest during the last Conference year,.....\$66 35

Paid the same to Rev. R. A. Arthur,..... 66 35

Amount on hand,.....\$994 50

Submitted,

June 9, 1856.

NATHAN GOFF.

REPORT

Of the Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy.

To the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church,

FATHERS AND BROTHERS, The Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy, in submitting to you their annual report, would express their gratitude to the Giver of all Good, for the continued favor which still attends the institution. They do not deem it necessary to go into the details of the operation of the School during the past year. Suffice

it to say, it has had its usual prosperity. Rev. R. A. Arthur, A. M., is still at the head of the Institution, and has two Female Assistants.—The Trustees are clearly of the opinion, that there should be an Assistant Male Teacher, well qualified to teach all the higher branches of literature.

The Trustees respectfully request the Conference to continue Professor Arthur in the position he now occupies.

W. P. GOFF, Pres't, pro tem.

JOHN HURSEY, Sec'y, pro tem.

REPORT Of Committee on Missions.

BUCKHANON, June 14, 1856.

The committee on Missions, submit the following as their report,

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

Oakland and Snowy Creek,.....	\$100 00
Westernford and Dry Fork,.....	75 00
Blacksville and Dunkard,.....	80 00

Total,.....	\$255,00	255 00
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CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

Knall's Creek,.....	\$160 00
Beverly and Randolph,.....	100 00

Total,.....	\$260 00	260 00
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PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

Elizabeth and Reedy,.....	\$105 00
Murraysville,.....	25 00
Ripley and Mill Creek,.....	100 00
California,.....	150 00
Hughes River,.....	100 00
Middlebourne and Indian Creek,.....	50 00

Total.....	\$530 00	530 00
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GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.

Monticello,.....	\$ 70 00
Hamlin,.....	150 00
Coal River and Wyoming Mission,.....	200 00
Logan and Island Creek Mission,.....	90 00

Total,.....	\$510 00	510 00
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WHEELING DISTRICT.

New Martinsville,.....	\$180 00	180 00
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CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

Point Pleasant and Mason,.....	\$125 00	
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Summersville and Nicholas,.....	115 00	
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Mountain Cove,.....	40 00	
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Buffulo and Thirteen,.....	200 00	
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Calhoun,.....	200 00	
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Malden and Campbells' Creek,.....	85 00	
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Total,.....	\$765 00	765 00
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Total,.....	\$2,500 00	
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JAMES L. CLARK, Sec'y.

GIDEON MARTIN, Ch'n.

I concur in the foregoing appropriations.

E. R. AMES.

REPORT

Of the Committee on Education.

The committee on Education report as follows:

I. The continued prosperity of Allegheny College, an Institution, the benefits of which have already been extensively diffused through Western Virginia; affords to us, as it doubtless does to the Conference, unfeigned pleasure. Especially are we pleased to learn from the communication addressed to the Conference by the President of the Board of Trustees, that the department of Hebrew and Biblical Literature in charge of Rev. Wm. Hunter, has "met the fondest expectation of the friends of the Institution."

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we heartily commend the Institution to the patronage of our people, and that a committee of two be appointed to attend the examinations of the College during the ensuing year, viz: * J. Drummond, F. Moore.

II. Your committee further report that they have considered the communication of the Trustees of the North Western Virginia Academy, and are pleased to find it is in a flourishing condition, and promises great usefulness in the cause of Education. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That we cordially commend the Academy to the favorable consideration of the public, and that we will exert our influence in the different parts of the Conference, to induce students to avail themselves of its advantages.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the "Educational Fund" be and is hereby requested to pay to R. A. Arthur, the interest accruing from said Fund during the past year.

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to continue Prof. Arthur in his present position.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to attend the examinations during the coming year, viz: *Gordon Battelle, Samuel Steele and T. H. Monroe.

III. Your committee further report that they are highly gratified to learn that a "Male and Female Seminary," has been established at Fairmont, and they fondly hope that its future prosperity and usefulness will fully meet the most sanguine expectations of its friends. We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That "in accordance with the intention and desire of the originators of the Institution," and the request of the Board of Trustees, this Conference does hereby take under its "patronage and control," the Fairmont Male and Female Seminary, and cheerfully commend it and all its interests to our people and the public.

Resolved, That the appointment of the Rev. W. R. White as Principal of said Seminary, meets with our unqualified approbation.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to attend the examinations during the ensuing Conference year, viz: *Gideon Martin, A. Stevens, Ed. McCarty.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES DRUMMOND,
R. L. WOODYARD,
T. H. MONROE,
J. S. PATTERSON,
R. A. ARTHUR.

June 14, 1856.

REPORT NO. 2.

The committee on Education, to whom was referred the report of Rev. R. A. Arthur, touching his agency for the North Western Virginia Academy, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That brother Arthur's report be adopted and filed with the Conference papers.

Resolved, That Bro. Arthur be, and he is hereby authorized to act as Agent for the Academy during the ensuing Conference year.

JAMES DRUMMOND, Ch'n.

*Reported in blank, filled by Conference.

REPORT

Of the Committee on the Pittsburg Christian Advocate.

The committee on the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate report that the financial condition of the Paper is better than at any former period.— Its circulation has been considerably increased during the year, and we are ready to believe that the aspects of our work have been so changed as to make it better adapted to general circulation in our bounds than ever before.

The committee having been instructed to take into consideration the propriety of establishing a paper in our Conference, or uniting with the Baltimore Conference, if they should concur with us; have duly considered all the circumstances, and present the following resolutions for adoption.

Resolved, That we deem it inexpedient to take any step at the present time towards establishing any such paper.

Resolved, That we continue our efforts to circulate the Pittsburg Christian Advocate among our people.

All of which is respectively submitted, Signed,

J. J. DOLLIVAR,
JAMES DRUMMOND,
G. W. ARNOLD,
F. R. BOGGESS,
E. McCARTY,
W. L. HINDMAN.

REPORT

Of the Committee on Temperance.

The committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following as their report:

That whereas the efforts of this Conference, in connection with the moral and religious community, in pushing forward the cause of Temperance, have not been entirely in vain; and whereas the practical workings of the withholding of License, in those counties where it has been effected, affords grounds to hope that the time is not far distant when the monster Intemperance shall be driven from our happy land.

Therefore Resolved, By the members of this Conference, that we continue to exert our influence, both in public and in private, to promote a cause fraught with such glorious issues as that of Temperance.

J. B. BLAKENY, Ch'n. of Committee.

REPORT Of the Committee on Tracts.

The committee on Tracts presented the following report:

That we do not deem it advisable to recommend the appointment of a Conference Tract Agent the coming year.

That the Preacher in charge be requested to have efficient Tract Stewards appointed in each Society, and that a collector be appointed in each class, and if necessary, that the Presiding Elder be requested to employ a Colporteur in each District.

That as heretofore, an annual collection be lifted in each congregation for this truly Methodist cause.

RICHARD L. BROOKS,
SAMUEL STEELE,
FRANCIS GUTHRIE,
JOHN B. HILL,
ANDREW DIXON,
BENJAMIN HAGAR.

BUCKHANON, June 16, 1856.

BIBLE REPORT.

The committee to whom was referred the Bible Cause have had the subject under careful consideration, and would report that during the past year \$203 13 have been raised for the American Bible Society, showing an increase over last year of \$93 13.

This is encouraging, but still we regret that the amount is so small. Believing as we do, that the Bible is "the only and sufficient rule, both of our faith and practice"—that a knowledge of the same is essential to man's present interest and final salvation—we deem it our indispensable duty to use every means and appliance within our reach to aid in its publication and diffusion; Therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That we retain undiminished confidence in the American Bible Society.

Resolved, 2d, That we will, as heretofore, take up a collection for said society during the ensuing year, in all our societies, where it may be deemed expedient.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. BROOKS,
F. MOORE,
A. HALL.

June 16th, 1856.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

The committee on Sunday Schools present the following as their report :

Your committee are aware of the difficulties attending the Sabbath School enterprise in some portions of the territory within the bounds of our conference, owing in part to the sparseness of the population; yet we fear its claims are not presented to our people as frequently and earnestly as its importance demands. Your committee have arrived at this conclusion from the fact, that from some thirty of the charges in our conference no Sabbath School report has been received at the present session. In other portions of our work we are gratified to learn that much has been done in promoting this noble enterprise. The reports at the present session show that no less than 245 Sabbath School scholars have been happily converted to God during the past year.

Feeling convinced of the necessity of improvement in attention to this subject within the bounds of our work, we would respectfully submit the following for adoption:

1st. Resolved, That each preacher of this conference be, and is hereby earnestly requested to preach on this subject, and organize Sabbath Schools wherever it is practicable.

2d. Resolved, That the Presiding Elders are requested to enquire at each quarterly meeting if the above resolution has been carried into effect.

3d. Resolved, That the preachers of this conference urge it upon our people to keep as many Sabbath schools open during the year as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

A. STEVENS, Ch'n.

REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CASE OF Rev. W. LYNCH.

The committee appointed in the case of Brother W. Lynch, report—

That after duly considering all the information presented in said case, they find in said information no cause of complaint against him; and therefore recommend that his character be now passed.

June 13th, 1856.

JAS. DRUMMOND,
G. BATTELLE,
TH. H. MONROE.

APPENDIX.

TRACT AGENTS' REPORT.

The Annual meeting of the Tract Society was held in Buckhanon, Va., June 16th, 1856, in the conference room, Bishop AMES presiding.

Rev. M. Titchenell presented and read to the society his report as Conference Agent for the past year, of which the following is an abstract:

An abstract of the report of the Tract Agent of the Western Virginia Conference: Collections and Tracts, and Tract Books distributed—

Collections in Clarksburg district,.....	\$203 57
Pages distributed,.....	67,750
Tract Volumes given,.....	109 cost \$32 04
Pages dis'td at other than regular meetings,.....	26,542
Morgantown district, collections,.....	\$129,40
Pages distributed,.....	42,760
Volumes Tract Books given away,.....	48, cost 11,59
Wheeling district, collections,.....	\$169,23
Pages distributed,.....	67,220
Volumes Tract books given,.....	128, cost 38,42
Parkersburg district, collections,.....	\$78,05
Pages distributed,....	42,725
Volumes Tract Books given,.....	41, cost 14,21
Cash collections in all,....	\$580,33
Tract books sold for cash,.....	59,28
General Catalogue,.....	140,08
Cash collected for books sold on time,.....	277,69
Books taken for my own Library,.....	12,40

In my hands,.....1,069,78

Against the Society.

Books and Tracts bought at New York,.....	\$327,61
“ “ “ Pittsburg,.....	237,55
“ bought of Hunter,.....	33,00
Bibles,.....	5,00
Salary of the Agent,.....	450,00
Traveling expenses,.....	66,30

TOTAL,.....\$1,119,46

Pages of Tracts distributed during the year.....	300,587
Tract Volumes donated,.....	346
Tract books distributed by donations, sales, &c.,.....	335
Books sold of General Catalogue,....	585
Sunday School books,.....	200

Total volumes,.....1,120

Seventy-five copies of the "Good News."

There is about \$25 worth of books on hand, and a few debts due, so that the accounts will very nearly balance for and against the society.

M. TITCHENELL, Agent.

BUCKHANON, VA., June 16th, 1856.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year:

PRESIDENT—PHILIP GREEN,

Vice Presidents—M. Titchenell, W. T. Willey, C. D. Hubbard, and Jno. Talbott. Secretary—R. Northcraft. Treasurer—Samuel Steele. Managers—Messrs. Alex. Armstrong, W. P. Wilson, A. M. Adams.

Robert Hamilton, W. Exley, J. Arndt, H. Echols, J. Baggs, James Bodley, and Thos H. List, Laymen.

Rev'ds. G. Battelle, J. L. Clark, Wesley Smith, J. S. Patterson, Wm. Hunter, S. R. Dawson, A. J. Lyda, W. C. M'Carty, Jas. Drummond, and R. D. Callihan, Ministers.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Western Virginia Conference Missionary Society, was held at Buckhanon, on Saturday, afternoon and evening, June 14th, 1856.

The meeting was called to order by the President, (Bro. Drummond,) and the preachers' annual subscriptions were received, after which the following officers were elected for the ensuing conference year:

President—A. J. LYDA, Vice President—J. J. DOLLIVER,
Secretary—J. S. PATTERSON, Assistant Sec'y.—T. H. MONROE,
Treasurer—M. TITCHENELL.

The exercises were opened with singing and prayer by bro. Monroe. Addresses were delivered by Prof. Arthur, Bro. Moore, of Wheeling, and Bishop Ames.

The collection was then lifted amounting to.....53,35

Preachers subscriptions,.....66,70

A quilt presented by the ladies of Palatine to Sister Lyda.

Bro. Drummond \$1, Bro. Wilson \$1, Bro. Dolliver \$1, H. Stevens \$1,
J. S. Hall \$1, S. King \$1, Eli. McWhorter \$1, Bro. Dixon \$2,25, D.
O. Carmack \$1, W. E. Williamson \$1. 11,25

Total at Anniversary,.....131,30

From Circuits and Stations,.....2327,25

TOTAL,.....\$2,458,55

J. L. CLARK, Secretary.

DETAILED REPORT FROM CIRCUITS & STATIONS.

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.---Barbour Circuit.

Jacob Means,	\$5.00	Sarah Holland,	\$1.00	Strauther Cornwell,	\$1.00	James D. Holland,	\$1.00
Nathan N. Means,	1.00	Matilda Baker,	50	John Locker,	50	Elizabeth Pierce,	50
Isaac M. Means,	50	John Shroyer,	50	Henry Walter,	50	John R. Holland,	1.00
John Lewellen,	50	William S. Scott,	50	Isaac Walter,	50	Reuben Warthen,	1.00
Mathew Luzadder,	50	Fielding Harvey,	50	Joseph G. Baker,	50	B. T. Kerchevel,	50
Jacob Shroyer, sr.,	1.00	Eppalona Miller,	50	George Langherage,	50	John W. Feltner,	50
Andrew Shroyer,	1.00	Mary Wallace,	50	William Pierce,	1.00	John M. Thomas,	1.00
David Kinkaid,	1.00	Asa Williams,	50	Samuel Pierce,	1.00	Thomas Williams,	50
William Walter,	5.00	George Holland,	1.00	Wilmore Mole,	50	John Goodwin,	50
N. H. Kittle,	1.50	George Kellar,	50	Hector Sinclair,	5.00	Fetterman names not	
Joseph Baker,	1.00	James Thomas,	50	Isaac Marquess,	50	discernable,	1.00
Eveline Walter,	50	John W. Tucker,	50	Luke Male,	1.00	Sundries,	25.00
TOTAL,		\$70.50					

Brandonville Circuit.---Rev. J. J. DOLLIVER, Collector.

A. Crane,	\$5.00	William Robinson,	\$1.00	J. Huffman,	\$1.00	Sundries,	\$ 75
H. D. Hagan,	50	H. Hagan,	10.00	J. H. Spiker,	50	J. Armstrong,	50
J. E. Hagan,	1.00	J. M. Hagan,	1.00	George M. Mead,	50	Sundries,	31
Mrs. M. McKee,	50	Mrs. H. E. Crane,	50	N. R. Harding,	1.00	Isaac Forker,	50
Mrs. B. Hagan,	3.00	E. Crane,	50	Sundries,	2.00	O. Horr,	50
J. H. Gibson and Mrs.		Dr. William Fry,	1.00	Rev. J. Shaffer,	1.00	A. McMan,	50
E. Gibson,	5.00	Thomas Scott,	1.00	George Armstrong,	50	I. Irwin,	50
Mrs. S. Scott,	50	Sundries,	1.05	Sundries,	60	S. Albright,	50
William McKee,	50	John Forman,	50	James G. Crawford,	50	William Poston,	50
William Hagans to be		Philip Horner,	50	H. Crawford,	50	Sundries,	6.17
applied to Foreign		Mrs. S. Horner,	50	Sundries,	95	Michael's School House	
Missions,	7.00	Mrs. A. Forman,	50	S. Forker,	50	Sundries,	1.15
William Guthrie,	1.00	Wm. H. McGibbons,	50	H. Harned,	50		
TOTAL,		\$64.49					

Blacksville Circuit.

John Shriver,	\$1.00	Peter Gilmore,	50	Mary J. White,	50	Sundries,	21.89
Jane Ammons,	50	Thomas Bland,	50	Daniel White,	1.00	And. Brown, Esq.,	5.00
Peter A. Tenant,	50	Michael White,	1.00	George Kenney,	1.00	Martha Brown,	5.00
Jane White,	50	John White,	1.00	John Wise,	1.00	H. B. Rice, by sundries	5.00
Ell White,	65	Joseph White,	1.00	Charles M. Olliphant,	1.00	Mary Woodruff,	" 5.00
James Phillips,	50	David Ammons,	50	Alexander Hinnon,	50	George Keefover,	" 5.00
Rev. Joshua Headly,	1.00	Cynthia A. White,	50	Alfred Cotton,	50	Thomas Bland,	" 5.00
Thomas White,	1.00	Hannah Freeland,	75	Richard A. White,	75	Nancy Lemon,	" 5.00
William White,	1.00	Mary White,	50	Joseph Rice,	50	Rachael Cotton,	" 5.00
James G. White,	1.00	Simon White,	1.00	Rev. Joseph Brock,	50		
TOTAL,		\$84.04					

CLARKSBURGH DISTRICT.---West Milford.

Jane Martin,	\$2.50	Col. E. Marsh,	1.00	Francis Monroe,	50	Edward Stewart,	50
Nancy M. Montoe,	5.00	Caleb Chenvront,	1.00	Morgan Bird,	50	H. Burns,	50
Rachael Monroe	1.00	William Bell,	1.00	A. Trimble,	50	Rev. A. Rider,	50
Lot Bowen,	1.00	James Custer,	1.00	M. Davison,	50	Sundries,	15.00
TOTAL,		\$32.00					

Burnersville Circuit.

Jacob M. Burner,	\$1.00	John Painter,	50	Granville Strader,	50	William Waugh,	50
Henry I. Taylor,	50	Paul Clem,	50	Isaac O. Beckwith,	50	Sundries,	19.97
A. Roberts,	50	Levi Johnson,	50	Peacha Campbell,	50		
TOTAL,		\$25.47					

Clarksburg Station.

Nathan Goff,	\$5.00	Robert Childers,	50	Wesley Harris,	1.00	Richard Meatherel,	50
Lucy A. Goff,	1.00	Mrs. Childers,	50	Mary A. Stealy,	1.00	John Hearsy,	50
Catharine Hearsy,	1.00	G. W. McGinnis,	50	Charles Lewis,	50	Luther Martin,	1.00
Wesley Johnson,	50	Martha Weringer,	50	Isabella Arthur,	5.00	Sundries,	50
TOTAL,		\$19.50					

Grave Creek Circuit.

Miles Boner	1,00	Levina Hicks	50	Walter Evans collector	To make Rev F Guthrie
Jusan Boner	50	Alexander Ogle	50	Thomas Blake	Life member of the Pa
Sohn Blue	50	Josiah Hicks	50	Benjamin Shepherd	rent Missionary Society.
John Ward	50	Elizabeth Hicks	50	W G Shepherd	50 G W Merchant, col.
William McGary	50	James Right	1,00	Mary A Shepherd	50 Eleanor Merchant
Amanda Found	50	Abram Fry	50	Elizabeth Evans	50 Mary F Merchant
Melinda Found	50	William Fry	50	David Shepherd	50 William H Merchant
Lucinda Boner	50	William Piles	50	Sundries	75 Samuel L Merchant
Catharine Spoon	50	James Clauston	50	Wm Clauston, col	50 George R Merchant
Sarah Boner	50	James D Coe	50	Jane Clauston	50 Sarah Merchant
James C Boner	50	George Butler	50	Jane Clark	50 N B Farr
Squire D Martin	50	Robert Winters	50	Margaret Clark	50 William Steel
Laban Riggs, col.	50	Jane Winters	50	Mary D Burley	50 Mary Steel
Simeon Riggs	50	John Parker	50	Susan Burley	50 John Marshall
James Blair	50	Marp Parker	50	Mary Burley	50 Mary Marshall
John Drummond	50	Sundries	75	John Burley	1,00 John Jones
William Parks	50	John S Riggs, col.	1,00	Silas Kittle	50 William Fry
Samuel Hagerman	50	Abram Dean	50	Robert Hicks	50 Ann Woods
Elizabeth Riggs	50	Eveline Dean	50	John L Gibson, col.	1,00 William Farr
Sarah Drummond	50	Aaron Lions	50	Mary E Gibson	50 D N Anderson
Sarah Blair	1,00	Thomas Riggs	50	Margaret A Williamson	50 Menerva H Anderson
Rebecca Mesacre	1,00	Ellen Riggs	50	W H Friar	50 Alvorna H Anderson
Amanda Madsell	50	Jacob Cox	50	Coonrod powers	50 Milton W Anderson
Amelia Blair	50	John Moore	50	John Capper	50 Frank Anderson
Martha Blair	50	Jacob Hammond	50	Josiah Symes	50 William J Anderson
Amelia Hagsaman	50	Catharine Hammond	50	John Bell	50 Ann Quigley
Mary E Riggs	50	Rebecca Dorsey	50	Soveren Farr	50 James Winters
Mary Marsh	50	Eliza J Riggs	50	Robert Hamilton	50 Elizabeth Winters
George Pilly, collector.	50	Sundries	85	Coonrad prane	50 W T Heads
Rebecca Shook	50	To make Elizabeth, wife of		Thomas Karr	50 M J Head
Jerusha Shook	50	Rev. F. Guthrie a life		W M Bentley	50 Ruth Hendrixon
John McWhorter	50	life member of the Pa-		John Strickland	50 Ann McDonald
Samuel Jones	50	rent Society. Jno Richie		James Garry	50 E Mix
Sundries	1,73	col. Bowman society.		To constitute Rev A Gregg	
Wm McFarling, collected		John J Roberts	50	a Life member of Parent	20,00
ten dollars of Taylor's		Alfred Games	1,00	Society,	
class	10,00	Rebecca Games	50	Margaret Mix	50 Wm Standiford, col.
Andrew Gregg	1,00	William Kimins	50	James R Bell	50 V P Gorby
David P Guthrie	85	Mary J Limins	50	Mary C Bell	50 Elizabeth Gorby
Geo Kemple, col.	50	Joseph Ross	50	Almira Beed	50 Sundries
Loyd Criswell	50	Nathan Fish	50	William Macconaughy	50 Col. Berkley B Newman
Robert Morgan	50	Mary A Fish	50	A W Shaw	50 William L Riggs
Samuel Jones	50	William Venus	50	John Burris	50 John Varley
Ambrose Leach	50	Amanda Venus	50	John McDonald	50 Joshua Garlow
Alexander Kemple	50	George M Roberts	50	William Farr	50 George W Reese
Nicholas Dowler	50	Abel Boner	50	William Cesney	50 Job power
Alexander Estrey	50	Mary Boner	50	Ann E Cesney	50 William Roberts,
Royal Benson	50	Wilfred Manning	50	Samuel Little	50 Elizabeth R Riggs
John Ramsey	50	Margaret Manning	50	James Daugherty	50 Hester Rodocrot
Lewis Criswell	50	John Boner	50	W B Simpson	50 Susan Hollingshead
Michael Dowler	1,00	Lucinda Boner	50	C A Stewart	1,00 Nancy Moleath
James A Lewis	1,00	Jesse Gorby	50	Joshua Williamson	50 Sundries
Hester Marsh	50	Ezekiel Gorby	50	B. W Lancaster	1,00 John Mayors
Elizabeth Darler	50	Mary W Gorby	50	W H H Shoacre	1,00 Nancy Gosney
Matilda Kemple	50	Simeon Riggs	50	Seriga Burley	50 Rachel Crow
Eliza Kemple	50	Jacob Siberts	50	D A Fletcher	50 Rebecca Guthrie
Peter Criswell	50	Rebecca Siberts	50	William Seymour	50 Vachel Gambol
J Poote	50	Matthew Boner	50	G M Clay	50 Absalom Crow
Sundries	1,00	Sharlotte Boner	50	Enos Howard	50 James Games
Alfred Murphey	50	Grafton Emanuel	1,00	John Miller	50 George Jones
Roda Riggs	50	John Richie	50	H Parker	50 John Moslander
Sundries	2,35	Margaret Richie	50	George Parker	50 Joseph Moslander
John Ward	1,50	George Manning	50	George Seymour	50 William Crow
William Dunlap	50	Susan Manning	50	A C Gary	50 Jeremiah Jones
John Jefferson	50	Louizias L. Roberts	50	Ob H Moor	50 William Crow sr
Jetse Wayman	50	Sarah Boner	50	J F Donley	50 Salathiel crow
Benjamin Harris	50	Dr S Griffith	1,00	Thomas Donley	50 George Majors
Sundries	35	Mary F. Boner	50	H M Marpel	50 Uriah Harris
William Pierce	50	William Dodson	50	By a Friend	50 Francis Dodd
Susan Pierce	1,00	Abraham Anderson	50	James Bradshaw	50 Robert Simpson
William D Logan	50	William Burges	50	J M Clouston	1,00 Michael Dodley
Alvida Pierce	1,00				1,00 C J Parker
William Ward	1,00				— Mary Collins
TOTAL,			\$20,00		20,00 Sundries
					5,45

Middlebourne Circuit.]

Public Collection

\$1,62½

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.---Parkersburg Station.

J W Coffman	\$1,00	Mary A Ollerych	50	J Swayze Pattesson	50	Catharine Fought	50
N Clark	1,00	Elizabeth M'Fadden	50	Mary M Patterson	50	Mary L Marsh	50
William Wilson	1,00	Fanny Marsh	50	Ann M Henderson	50	Henry Marsh	50
Col Tavner	1,00	A P Henderson	75	Sarah Clayton	50	Mary Sawtell	50
William R Kelly	1,00	William M Evans	1,00	Eliza Ditman	50	Ann Gould	50
Sarah Hagan	1,00	Alvira Cline	50	Elizabeth Clayton	50	Daniel Gould	50
J S Patterson	1,00	Mary Parker	50	Elizabeth Weise	50	Jane Wilson	50
E A Patterson	50	Jane Brown	50	Clementine Harris	50	Sundries	4,00
Elizabeth Coffman	50	Sunday School	5,00	S G Ollerych	50		
TOTAL,						\$29,75	

Elizabeth Circuit.

B F Ball	50	Sundries	4,50	TOTAL,	\$5,00
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Murraysville Circuit.---Mrs. P. A. KIDD, Collector.

I M O'Flyng	\$1,00	Nancy Hickie	1,00	Sundries	2,33	I M O'Flyng	2,00
Hannah Scott	1,00	Sundries	1,73	I M O'Flyng	1,00	Sundries	1,00
James F Scott	3,00	Elizabeth White (col)	50	Honry Hall	1,00	Buckley Class	1,00
A C Tidd	1,00	I M O'Flyng	75	George W Hall	1,00	James Hickie	75
William Hickie	3,00	Peter Hoselton	50	H J Hall	1,00	Sundries	50
Sarah Kimes	50	Samuel Miller	50	Robert Hall	50		
TOTAL,						\$37,43	

Harrisville Circuit.

Solomon Rexwood	50	P Simmons	50	J Bee	50	Rev J W Miller	50
R Rendal	50	N Rexroad	50	Mary Clouse	50	H Harden	50
Sundries	1,65	William Pierpont	50	Lucinda Rexroad	50	E Tharp	50
A S Kore	1,00	A Culp	50	Francis Hall	50	M Ward	50
D Kidar	1,00	W Hays	50	Malinda Rexroad	50	T Tharp	1,00
J M Reitz	1,00	James Webb	50	H J Rexroad	50	James Allison	50
M J Hill	1,00	Jacob Moats,	50	Rev T Stinchcomb	50	A Lauther	50
Ellen S Hall	1,00	Daniel Rexroad	50	J A Vandever	50	William Prunty	50
Thomas Gorril	1,00	J B Vandever	50	James McKinney	50	Rev E Clayton	50
L Rexroad	50	John Harris, Esq.,	50	V Butcer	50	Mrs Law	50
B Smith	50	Rev A Law	1,00	M Dean	50	Sundries	10,55
TOTAL,						\$38,35	

Hughes' River Mission.

J D Derree	50	Martha Stewart	50	Mary Adams	50	Jacob Radevner	50
Sarah E Derree	50	William Howell	50	David Jones	50	E Crispin	50
Uriah Milburn	50	Reuben Carloy	50	William M'Gyrl	50	Louis Fluhearty	50
Martha Tustin	50	William Sharpneck	50	William Daugherty	50	Artimacy Buchannon	50
Hiram Sharpneck	50	Mary Sharpreck	50	William Armstrong	50	Sundries	3,75
Benjamin Stewart	50						
TOTAL,						\$15,75	

West Union.

C J Stewart	50	E M B Keys	50	Thomas Neely	50	Hannah Hallam	50
William M Lewin	50	Elias Marsh	50	John Dinsmore	50	Mary A Thomas	1,00
John McConnell	1,00	N C Frashum	50	Robert McLain	50	Edward Neely	50
G W Golden	50	Manerva Lantz	50	Mathew Neely	50	Nancy Marsh	50
Nancy A Golden	1,00	Wellington Duckworth	50	Robert Dinsmore	50	Charles Duckworth	50
Elmore Minter	50	William Collins	1,00	James Shannon	50	J G Culp	50
W P Carrott	50	Caroline Sigler	50	Elizabeth McLain	50	Mariah Joseph	50
John Maxwell	1,00	D A McGinnis	50	Kasiah Craig (col)	1,00	Eli Cline	50
William B Wilcox	50	S J McGinnis	50	John Ireland	50	Eli Marsh	50
Temperance Wilcox	50	Elias Hawes	1,00	Amy Ireland	50	Sundries	6,12 1/2
Cephas Duckworth	50	B F Jones	50	Michael Hallam	50		
TOTAL,						\$31,62 1/2	

Sistersville Circuit.

P M Morgan	\$4,00	Mrs Galloway	1,00	William R Galloway	3,00	Levi Hossum	3,00
Mrs M Morgan	2,00	Jacob Hughes	1,00	A Martin	1,00	Miss E Hissum	1,00
A P Allen	2,00	Mrs P Hughes	1,00	Raph Govnell	1,00	Mary Morgan	50
Mrs M Allen	1,00	U V Gill	1,00	S M Spell	1,00	Rachael Morgan	50
Henry Flesher	1,00	John Kester	1,00	William Johnson	1,00	Eliza Morgan	50
Elsey Smith	50	William C Taylor	1,00	Thomas Govnell	50	Susan Morgan	50
Mrs E Smith	50	A Davis	1,00	Elias McCore	50	Miss R P Taylor	1,00
Clark Smith	50	S Hodgeson	1,00	John Wells	50	Harriet Bailey	1,00
Miss L Smith	50	Mrs N Kester	50	M T Allen	50	J Gill	50
C Williamson	50	James Bailey	50	Wilson Colbert	50	J B Riggs	50
S T Galloway	2,00	Unknown	3,28	Sarah Gould	50	Sundries	1,20
Mrs Galloway	2,00	Rev S T Hickman	1,00	Sundries	3,70	Mary Hall	1,00
Mr Marsh	10,00	John Parker	5,00				
TOTAL,						\$67,68	

Ripley Circuit.

John Hood	\$5.00	H S Mahan	50	George Smith	50	Sundries	50
Jane Clifford	50	Benj Stevenson	50	R G Mahan	50	Sundries	50
Sundries	50	Jesse Custerel	50				
TOTAL.....				\$11.32			

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.---Fork Lick Circuit.

Isaac Hamrick	50	William Frame	50	J L Carpenter	50	Sundries	4.27
Jacob Carpenter	50	Isaac Woods	50	B Griffins	60		
TOTAL.....				\$7.37			

Point Pleasant Circuit.

S E Ely	50	Rev Mrs. E Woodhull	1.00	L Chamberlin	50	By a Friend	50
J P Phillips	50	B Gilmore	50	E T Gardiner	1.00	" "	50
Mrs. E Ely	50	Dr. Shaw	75	A Ross	50	" "	50
" E Gardner	50	D L Starr	1.00	P G Penell	1.00	D L Starr	1.00
" M Cutchel	50	Rev M D Vaughn	1.00	L V Stanford	50	G W Arnold	1.00
" A Sehon	50	" W W Harper	1.00	Thomas Willis	50	W Hoyt	1.00
W T Arthur	50	A Rosebury	1.00	R Bumgarner	50	Rev Osborn	1.00
T H Aumiller	50	Dr. Shaw	1.00	J R Humphries	50	John Godby	1.00
L Payne	1.00	Miss T R Thomas	1.00	E Mack	1.00	Mrs C Fly	1.00
J A Martin	50	D L Starr	1.00	A Oliver	50	Miss F V Hay	1.03
W Hoyt	50	W Summerville	1.00	W McComas	50	Mrs F Stone	50
Summerville	50	F Stribling	1.00	I S Miller	50	" M Harper	50
M Smith	50	W T Mentum	1.00	G R Stewart	50	" T A Arnold	1.00
— Jones	50	Miss S R Thomas	10.00	F Sisson	50	Alonzo Bennett	1.00
John Godby	50	Dr D L Starr	5.00	B Bennett	50	" "	5.00
TOTAL.....				\$60.75.			

Charleston Circuit.

A C Matheny	1.00	D Young	50	J M Young	50	Sundries	5.50
J Montgomery	50	Wm Hayes	50	J Atchinson	50		
J Dulin	50	B Swoar	50	C Durbin	50	Total,	10.50

Sutton Circuit.

John Morrison	1.00	Benjamin Dibbins	50	Mary Morrison	50	Christian Lenz	50
James Morrison	1.00	J W Rollison	50	Margaret Morrison	50	George Dibbins	50
Levi Prince	75	Martin Rollison	50	Felix Smith	50	Joel Dibbins	50
Jacob Shook	50	Milton Frame	50	Elizabeth I Hyre	50	Sundries	6.35
Henry Baxter	50						
Total.....				15.60			

Summerville Circuit.

Willam D Sandford	1.15	Charles Fitzwater	1.00	George Bales	50	A Kyle	50
Maria E Sandford	1.00	Hiram Pierson	50	A M Dorsey	50	Sundries	85
Total.....				6.00			

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT---Wayne Circuit.—Rev. R. L. Woodyard, col.

A Friend	3.50	Daniel W Eba	50	James R Dean	50	Carrilda Dyer	55
Samuel Journey	50	Burton Hutchison	1.00	William Berry	50	Lemuel P Bailey	50
John H Ford	50	James B Bazel	50	James Lakin	75	Andrew Eaves	1.00
J C Lambert	50	Martin Johns	50	Finley J Miller	50	George M Kindrick	50
Henry Hampton	50	Eliza J Burk	50	John Miller	50	Lafayette Burns	50
Thomas Clinefelter	50	Josephine Callihan	1.00	John A Woodyard	1.00	William Peery	1.00
John D mims	60	Mary A Jones	1.00	Malinda Roberts	50	Jefferson Belsha	50
William Eba	1.00	Sarah A Savage	50	Julia Smith	50	James Lakin	50
Mrs Wilson	50	Mary Savage	50	Elizabeth M Ginnis	50	Elias Irons	50
Kate Hunsel	1.00	Samuel Savage	50	Hester A Bowen	50	John Laidley	50
Isabella Eba	50	Rev R D Callihan	* 5.00	Elizabeth Peck	50	Harvey Shannon	50
Clarinda Journey	50	Solomon Irons	50	Mary Peery	1.00	William J Nixon	15
Christian Gluntz	1.00	James M Corley	50	Jane Peery	50	Sundries	24.40
* Certificate for a friend.]				Total.....			
				67.19			

Sandy Circuit.

Hannah Short	1.00	J Starr	50	Rebecca Star	50	Lucinda Dempsey	50
John Johnson	50	S Chaffans	50	C Chaffans	50	Mary E Browning	50
John Durkins	50	Rebecca Durkins	50	G W Clark	50	Mrs Clark	50
Mary Clark		Franci Browning	50	Mrs Browning	50	Sundries	1.50
Total.....				\$10.00			

Putnam Circuit.

Jane A Summers	10.00	Thomas Summers	50	Lyle Millan	2.50	Sundries	6.00
Celema L Summers	10.00	Meleta Summers	40	Nancy Millan	2.50	Total....	32.00

Hamlin Circuit.

Allen Smith	50	Maharoy Pally	50	Sundries	90	Total.....	\$1.90
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The following persons have been constituted members of the Conference Missionary Society.

William Hagans,	Nancy Lemon	Rev. M. Osborn	James Wilson,
Andrew Brown, Esq	Rachel Cotton	Dr. Shaw,	Mrs. M. Baggs,
Martha Brown	H. B. Rice,	Dr. D. L. Starr,	Helen M. Phillips
Mary Woodruff,	Alvira Cline,	Mrs. E. Bowen,	Armina L. Post,
George Keefover	Marie C. Parsons,	G. B. Thomas,	Sarah Goudy,
Thomas Bland	Russell Finnell,	James E. T. Mitchell,	Mary Pedley.

JAMES L. CLARK, SEC.

June 16th, 1856.

MEMOIR OF REV. A. ROBE.

Rev. ALPHEUS ROBE was born in Monongalia county, Va., Feb. 22d, 1823. He embraced Religion sometime during the year 1839. He was licensed as a Local preacher in the year 1851; was recommended to the travelling connection and received at the conference at Fairmont, in 1854.

On Barbour Circuit where he closed his ministerial career, he was universally well received, and was doing efficient service; he was considered a good preacher, for his opportunity, and promised usefulness to the church. As a man and a Christian he was beloved by all, and his death is deeply regretted.

J. DRUMMOND, Ch'n.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION FOR NEXT CONFERENCE.

- 1st year—A. Stevens, A. A. Reger, J. J. Dolliver.
 2d “ J. W. Snodgrass, G. W. Arnold, A. Hall.
 3d “ W. Smith, G. J. Nixon, J. S. Patterson.
 4th “ J. Drummond, C. D. Battelle, J. L. Irwin.

FOR LOCAL PREACHERS.

DEACONS—P. Green, F. Guthrie.

ELDERS—R. L. Brooks, F. R. Boggess.

F. Moore is appointed to preach the annual Missionary Sermon.

RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLVED, That in view of the scarcity of preachers among us, that we request the Presiding elders of this Conference, at every quarterly meeting, to hold a special meeting to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into this vineyard.

J. L. CLARK,

G. MARTIN.

RESOLVED, That in view of the state of Bro. G. Martin's health, it is the sense of this conference that Bro. Martin be requested to do only that amount of work during the conference year, that he and his brethren think that he can do without risk to his health.

Buckhanon, June 15th, 1856.

T. H. MONROE.

RESOLVED, That in carrying out the provisions of the Discipline for the support of Missions, we will make a vigorous effort during the next Conference year, to increase the Missionary contributions, on our several fields of labor, thirty per cent.

G. BATTELLE.

J. DRUMMOND.

RESOLVED, That Rev. Dr. Drummond be, and is hereby requested to preach the Conference Sermon, at 11 o'clock, on the first day of the next session.

A. J. LYDA,

J. L. CLARK.

RESOLVED, That Bro. Titchenell be and he is hereby requested to settle during the coming year, all the accounts and business of the Tract Society growing out of his agency.

J. DRUMMOND.

VOTE OF THANKS.

RESOLVED, That the sincere and hearty thanks of this Conference are due, and they are hereby tendered to the citizens of Buckhanon and its vicinity, for the kindness and generous hospitality shown us during our present session.

RESOLVED, That we duly appreciate the kindness and christian courtesy of the Pastors and Trustees of the Presbyterian and Baptist churches in Buckhanon, as evinced in granting us use of their houses of worship.

RESOLVED, That we hereby tender our thanks to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company for the reduction of the fare of members of this body and preachers attending our annual session.

JAMES DRUMMOND,
GIDEON MARTIN.

THE FINANCIAL PLAN

Adopted at a former Session of the Western Va. Conference.

1. RESOLVED, That a meeting of the stewards and preacher or preachers, in each circuit or station, be held on the third Saturday after the close of each annual conference; the place of holding the meeting to be designated by the last quarterly conference for the year; but that the first quarterly meeting for the present year be the time of holding the first meeting.

2. RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of the stewards at this meeting to make an estimate of the amount necessary to furnish house rent, fuel and table expenses, for the family or families of the preacher or preachers appointed to labor for them; the claim for quarterage shall then be added to the above estimate; and it shall be the duty of this

meeting to divide the whole amount among the several classes of the circuit or station, according to their number, circumstances and privileges.

3. RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of this meeting to district the circuit or station among the stewards, giving each his proportion of the classes to attend during the year.

4. RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of each steward, as soon as the estimate shall have been made, to inform each class within his district of the amount apportioned to them, and inquire of each member what he or she is willing to give per week, according to Mr. Wesley's plan, or quarterly, for the support of the Gospel, in the circuit or station, and to write this opposite his or her name in the class-book.

5. RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of each leader or class-steward to see that this amount is regularly collected, and placed in the hands of the stewards or preachers weekly or quarterly.

6. RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of the stewards to circulate a subscription paper, for the support of the Gospel, at all the appointments where it may be deemed expedient, among those persons who are not members of the church, but are in the habit of attending upon our ministry.

7. RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of each Presiding Elder, in every quarterly conference of his district, to have the name of each leader called by the Secretary, and at the same time report the apportionment of his class, the amount received, and the deficiency, if any. To inquire if there be any of our members who refuse to contribute to the support of the Gospel; and, if any, their reasons for thus refusing. If their excuses are not satisfactory, it shall be the duty of the steward of that district of the circuit or station, or the preacher in charge, to visit them and try to convince them of the great evil that must result from such a principle, if carried out.

8. RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of the stewards, at every quarterly meeting, to make report to all the members present, of the state of the finances of the circuit or station—stating the amount received, and the deficiency, if any, of each class.

9. RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of the leader of every class that may be reported deficient, to inform his class immediately after the quarterly meeting, of the amount of their deficiencies, individually.

10. RESOLVED, That each Presiding Elder be respectfully requested to inform this conference, when he represents his district, whether this financial system has been attended to in all his charges.

11. **RESOLVED**, That the Presiding Elders, at the first quarterly meeting of this year, in each circuit and station, bring the subject before the Conference, that the stewards may be confirmed as the estimating committee provided for in the Discipline—part 3, chapter 3, section 2, paragraph 6.

12. **RESOLVED**, That the last quarterly conference of this year be requested to appoint the stewards an estimating committee for the ensuing year, in conformity with the Discipline and this plan.

RULES OF ORDER

Adopted for the Government of the W. Va. Conference.

1. The Conference shall meet at 8 o'clock, A. M., and adjourn at 12 M.
2. The President shall take the chair, precisely at the hour to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by reading the Scriptures, Singing and Prayer, and shall have the Minutes of the preceding day read and approved.
3. He shall see that all business appertaining to the Conference be brought forward, and conducted as directed by the Discipline.
4. He shall preserve order in all proceedings; and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of such an appeal, the question shall be taken without debate.
5. He shall plainly state every question, and put the same to vote whenever called for; and all motions or resolutions introduced by any member, shall be reduced to writing, if the President, Secretary, or any member request it.
6. When a motion or resolution is made and recorded, or a report presented and read by the Secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference; but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover, before decision or amendment.
7. No new motion shall be made, until the one under consideration is disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection; unless one of the following should intervene, (which motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are placed) viz: indefinite postponement, or to a limited time, to amend, or lie on the table.
8. Every speaker, on any subject, shall rise and address the President, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the question, or from the rule and decorum of the Conference.
9. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice upon the same question, nor more than fifteen minutes at once, unless he obtain

leave of the Conference, which shall be decided by vote without debate.

10. If in debate, one member misrepresents the arguments of another, the member who is misrepresented, shall have the liberty to rise and explain, and the other shall remain silent until such explanation be given.

11. When any member conceives that another is out of order, he may call the attention of the President to the case.

12. When speaking, each member shall have due regard to the feelings of his brethren, by avoiding irritating language and personal reflections.

13. When any motion or resolution shall have passed, it shall be in order for any person who voted in the majority to move for a reconsideration.

14. No member shall absent himself from the services of the Conference, without leave of the Conference, unless he be sick or unable to attend.

15. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question, who is not within the bar at the time when the question is put by the President, except by leave of the Conference; and every member who shall be within the bar at the time the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Conference, for special reasons, excuse him.

16. No motion shall be considered unless seconded.

17. The Secretary of the Conference shall keep a journal of all the proceedings, and when approved, shall record the same in a book provided for that purpose. He shall call the list at the opening of each session, noting the absentees. He shall take charge of the journals and all Conference papers, keep them safe, and have them forwarded to the place of the Conference sessions.

18. He shall allow no copy of papers, or extracts from the journals of the Conference, to be taken, without the leave of the Conference.

19. No Preacher shall bring any charge against any member of the Conference until he has first given information of the same, either by letter or otherwise, so as the accused may have an opportunity of defence.

20. The President shall appoint all committees not otherwise specially ordered by the Conference.

21. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT—G. Martin, P. E.

Morgantown, T. H. Monroe.
Morgantown Circuit, G. J. Nixon.
Monongalia, T. H. Trainer, 1 to be supplied.
Palatine, C. D. Battelle.
Brandonville, Spencer King.
Selbysport, Franklin Ball.
Kingwood, J. J. Dolivar, 1 to be supplied.
Oakland and Snowy Creek, to be supplied.

Westernford and Dry Fork, Wm. R. Carroll.
Blacksville and Dunkard Creek, J. M. Powell.
Barbour, R. M. Wallace, 1 to be supplied.
Fetterman and Grafton, E. M'Carty.
White Day, to be supplied.
Alleghany College, W. Hunter, Professor
of Biblical Literature.

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT—G. Battelle, P. E.

Clarksburg, J. B. Blakeney.
West Milford, R. L. Brooks, 1 to be supplied.
Weston, J. Hare, T. B. Taylor, sup.
Weston Circuit, J. W. Webb, 1 to be supplied.
Pruntytown, Wesley Smith, P. Green.
Phillippi, Samuel Jones, 1 to be supplied.
Webster and Claysville, to be supplied.
Buchanon, Samuel Steele.
Burnersville, Levi Parke, 1 to be supplied.
Fairmont, J. Drummond.

Marion, J. W. Snodgrass, 1 to be supplied.
Lumberport, F. R. Boggess.
Mannington, H. Stevens.
Beverly, D. O. Stuart.
Knall's Creek, J. A. Williams.
North Western Virginia Academy, R. A.
Arthur, Principal; Alleghany College, A.
Martin, Professor—both members of the
Clarksburg Quarterly Conference.

WHEELING DISTRICT—W. Titchenell, P. E.

Wheeling—
Fourth-street, F. Moore.
North-street, B. Ison.
Chapline-street, S. R. Dawson.
South Wheeling, to be supplied.
Benwood, to be supplied.
Triadelphia and Wheeling Creek, A. A. Reger.

Short Creek and Liberty, J. L. Irwin.
Elizabethtown, A. Stevens.
Grave Creek, W. R. Howe, W. H. Shaw, L.
Janney, sup.
Marshall, W. E. Williamson.
New Martinsville, Francis Guthrie.
Fish Creek, Marcellus Allen.

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT—A. J. Lyda, P. E.

Parkersburg, J. S. Patterson.
Elizabeth, J. B. Hill.
Murraysville, I. M. O'Fling.
Ripley and Mill Creek, D. H. K. Dix.
California, to be supplied.
Williamsport, J. W. Latham.
Hughes' River, to be supplied.

Harrisville, C. Conner.
West Union, J. H. Temple, D. A. M'Ginnis, sup.
Middlebourne, W. L. Hindman.
Sistersville, Ashford Hall, D. Waddell, sup.
Glenville, Robert Brooks.

CHARLESTON DISTRICT—J. L. Clarke, P. E.

Charleston, R. L. Woodyard.
Malden, D. O. Carmack.
Mountain Cove, Paul Vandervort.
Summersville, J. M. Phelps.
Fork Lick, to be supplied.
Sutton, T. C. Hatfield.

Elk River, W. D. Sanford.
Charleston Circuit, J. B. Feather.
Buffalo, M. D. Vaughn.
Point Pleasant, G. W. Arnold.
Calhoun, J. T. Carroll.

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT—J. W. Reger, P. E.

Guyandotte, H. C. Sandford.
Wayne, J. S. Hall, L. H. Dorsey.
Sandy, V. Sandford.
Logan, Robert Hager.
Coal River, A. Dixon.
Fayette and Raleigh, John Garner.

Clifton, A. R. Crislip.
Hamline, to be supplied.
Putnam, R. Northcraft.
Monticello, A. W. Gregg.
Wyoming, Benjamin Hagar.

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THE WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE,
HELD AT
CHARLESTON, KANAWHA COUNTY, VIRGINIA. APRIL 15, 1858.

The Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, met in Charleston, Va., April 15, 1858. Bishop Ames presided. S. R. Dawson was elected Secretary, R. L. Woodyard, Assistant.

The following Committees were appointed:—

Conference Stewards and Committee on Necessitous Cases.—T. H. Trainer, J. B. Blakeny, R. A. Arthur, J. H. Temple, J. M. Phelps, R. Northcraft.

Sabbath Schools.—G. W. Arnold, Spencer King, F. Ball.

Tracts.—Wesley Smith, D. O. Carmack, M. Allen.

Public Worship.—J. L. Clark, J. W. Reger, J. S. Patterson.

Missions—The Presiding Elders.

Education.—W. Hunter, J. E. Wilson, J. Drummond, J. B. Blakeny, J. S. Patterson.

Periodicals.—J. Drummond, W. Smith, J. E. Wilson, R. Brooks, J. S. Patterson, John Garner.

Post Offices.—J. S. Hall.

Bible Cause.—J. Drummond, J. E. Wilson, T. H. Monroe.

Memoirs.—J. W. Webb, Wesley Smith.

Temperance.—John Garner, Samuel Jones, J. W. Webb.

Admitted on Trial.—Ulysses Pribble, A. B. Rohrbough, Dan'l Cool, Isaac B. Coburn, Eugenius Ford, Edgar S. Wilson, Wm. H. Wiley, Jos Sharp, Ephraim C. Wayman.

Remaining on Trial.—A. Bower, Jas. W. W. Bolton, F. H. J. King, G. W. Richmond, Chas King, T. Hughes, John Cook, John B. Pinchen, Wm. C. Wilson. H. D. Rice, Jos. Knotts, S. R. Griffith, Sam'l E. Steel, John Branch.

Discontinued.—Harrison Hagans, Wilson Gardner.

Deceased.—James A. Young. (See Memoir.)

Admitted into full Connection.—Wm. R. Carroll, Wm. H. Shaw, Larkin H. Dorsey, Franklin Ball, Thos. C. Hatfield, A. W. Gregg, Robert Hagar.

Deacons.—Those marked (*) were ordained this year: William R. Carroll,* William H. Shaw,* Larkin H. Dorsey,* Franklin Ball,* Thomas C. Hatfield,* Andrew W. Gregg,* Robert Hagar, P. Vandervort, M. Allen, D. O. Stuart, Joseph H. Temple, Sam'l Jones, Vanlinden Sandford, A. R. Crislip, John M. Phelps.

Elders.—Jos. B. Feather, D. O. Carmack, H. C. Sandford, R. M. Wallace, R. Brooks, J. W. Webb, John M. Powell, Isaac M. O'Flyng, Felix R. Boggess. Wm. E. Williamson and John Garner were elected, but not ordained.

Located.—James W. Latham, Felix R. Boggess.

Supernumerary.—G. J. Nixon, Wm. R. Howe, Wm. Hardwick.

Superannuated.—A. Dixon, I. M. O'Flyng, John Birkett, E. M'Carty, G. Jones, J. B. West, F. Guthrie, D. A. McGinnis.

Expelled or Withdrawn.—None.

The Preachers' characters were strictly examined, by calling over their names before the Conference.

NUMBERS IN SOCIETY.

White Members,.....	16,731
Probationers,.....	4,383
Local Preachers,.....	178
Colored Members,.....	208
Total this year,.....	21,500
Last year,.....	19,426

Increase,..... 2,074

QUESTION 14.—*What amounts are necessary for the Superannuated Preachers, and the Widows and Orphans of Preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not received their regular allowance on the Circuits?*

ANSWER.—\$4,310 87.

QUESTION 15.—*What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?*

Chartered Fund,.....	\$ 25 00
Conference Collections,.....	162 22

TOTAL,\$187 22

The foregoing collections were divided as follows:

Wm. R. Carroll,.....	\$ 5 00	Brought up,.....	\$73 51
Levi Parke,	8 00	Widow Summers,.....	18 23
D. O. Carmack,.....	5 00	Widow Freeland,.....	18 23
J. H. Temple,.....	10 00	F. Guthrie,.....	35 00
Robert Brooks,.....	5 00	Sam'l Jones,.....	5 00
Jno. Branch,.....	10 00	Thos. C. Hatfield,.....	20 00
V. Sanford,.....	5 00	J. B. Feather,.....	5 00
B. Hagar,.....	10 00	Thos. Hughs,.....	5 00
R. Northcraft,.....	5 00	Robt. Hagar,.....	5 00
S. R. Dawson,.....	10 51	Stationery,.....	2 25
Carried up,	\$73 51	Total,	\$187 22

MISSIONS.

Amount collected on Stations and Circuits,.....	\$2,115 68
“ “ at Conference anniversary,.....	164 77
Total.....	\$2,280 45
Amount collected for Sunday School Union,.....	\$57 04
Amount collected for American Bible Society,.....	\$39 92
Amount collected for Tract Society,.....	\$29 95

MISCELLANEOUS.

Local Preachers elected and ordained Deacons.—W. D. Sandford, Thomas H. Copley, Benjamin Darlington, K. Cassidy, W. Smith.

E. J. Stone was elected to Elder's Orders, but not ordained, being absent.

The Bishop being compelled to leave on Saturday, April 17, to attend another Conference, Gordon Battelle was elected to preside during the remainder of the session.

Joseph T. Phelps, a supernumerary member of East Baltimore Conference, was transferred to this Conference, and made effective.

Conference decision.—On motion, the Conference decided, that the number of scholars in infant classes, should be included in the number of scholars reported as belonging to the school.

Publishing Committee of the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate.—James Drummond and S. R. Dawson.

Committee for Publishing Minutes.—S. R. Dawson, and J. E. Wilson.

Committee to draft Constitution for Preacher's Aid Society.—J. L. Clark, Thos. H. Monroe, Samuel Steele, S. R. Dawson, G. W. Arnold.

Collections.—Ordered, That the following, from Discipline, page 187, be published in the Minutes:

“Every preacher who has charge of a circuit, shall earnestly recommend to every class or society in his circuit, to raise a quarterly or annual collection by voluntary contribution, or in such other way or manner as they may judge most expedient from time to time; and the moneys so collected, shall be lodged with the steward or stewards of the circuit, to be brought or sent to the Annual Conference, with a regular account of the sums raised for this purpose in the class or societies respectively.”

STATISTICS

OF

MEMBERS, PROBATIONERS, &c.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.						BAPTISMS.	CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.					
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Adults.	Children.		Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference Claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday-School Union.
MORGANTOWN District.																
Morgantown Station,	173	6	30	1	3	5	1	7,000	1	1,800	70.00	523.00	5.00	.....	5.00	
Morgantown Circuit,	370	4	90	3	6	10	7	2,000	..	..	..	15.00	..	..	..	
Monongalia,	587	8	140	4	51	10	8	3,100	1	400	5.00	82.91	..	..	..	
Brandonville,	361	9	181	3	21	33	5	5,000	1	250	..	25.00	..	..	..	
Selbysport,	246	1	102	1	5	30	5	2,000	..	..	1.00	5.00	..	..	..	
Kingwood,	379	2	56	2	11	53	3	2,000	1	200	..	33.10	..	..	..	
Oakland,	281	3	37	2	3	39	5	2,500	1	350	..	10.05	94	..	..	
Westernford,	220	5	50	1	3	30	5	1,500	..	..	..	6.00	..	..	..	
Blacksville,	271	2	88	3	11	4	4	2,150	..	..	..	40.57	..	..	37	
Barbour,	389	6	100	1	8	13	8	3,100	1	300	1.50	40.00	..	..	..	
Fetterman & Grafton,	330	4	72	4	8	40	4	2,000	..	..	4.33	33.85	..	..	..	
White Day,	268	4	40	4	6	5	5	1,000	..	..	..	1.92	..	..	..	
TOTAL,	3875	51	936	29	136	277	60	33,350	6	3,300	81.83	820.40	5.94	.....	5.37	
CLARKSBURG District.																
Clarksburg,	64	..	15	..	3	8	1	700	..	..	..	45.00	..	..	..	
West Milford,	568	4	83	6	13	12	9	6,300	1	600	3.50	38.40	..	..	..	
Weston Station, {	120	1	3	2	6	3	4	1,500	1	500	..	1.88	..	..	..	
Colored, {	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Weston Circuit, {	572	2	29	7	12	16	11	4,100	1	450	3.83	25.00	..	..	..	
Pruntytown,	396	3	96	6	50	6	8	4,100	1	300	..	16.00	..	..	..	
Phillippi,	540	7	140	6	9	3	8	4,850	1	450	..	19.67	..	..	..	
Webster & Simpson, {	121	1	20	..	..	..	..	1,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Backhannon,	184	2	11	2	10	8	3	2,000	..	..	..	50	..	..	..	
Burnersville,	416	4	70	4	26	12	9	2,300	..	..	..	5.00	..	..	..	
Fairmt & Palatine, {	168	1	79	4	..	3	2	10,000	1	600	5.10	23.12	7.00	..	5.10	
Colored, {	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Marion,	523	4	124	4	43	14	8	2,800	1	400	6.10	56.12	3.35	6.27	10.00	
Lumberport,	199	1	295	3	8	3	5	2,200	..	..	..	6.30	..	..	..	
Mannington,	393	..	181	4	14	10	8	4,000	1	550	..	15.00	..	..	2.00	
Beverly, {	315	7	25	1	..	3	4	1,400	1	600	..	25.55	..	..	..	
Colored, {	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
TOTAL,	4563	37	1171	49	209	101	83	47,250	9	4,450	18.53	287.54	10.35	6.27	17.10	
WHEELING District.																
Fourth St., {	315	5	144	1	32	38	2	13,200	..	..	22.35	215.57	..	11.10	16.25	
Colored, {	23	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
North Street,	164	2	93	2	10	25	1	4,500	..	..	3.00	65.16	..	4.06	4.90	
Chapline Street,	206	8	102	1	3	37	1	3,500	1	1,600	11.48	202.25	5.41	8.49	7.07	
South Wheeling,	50	2	21	..	..	6	1	1,500	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Marshall & Benw'd, {	239	1	29	3	13	15	4	2,700	..	..	..	15.36	..	..	..	
Colored, {	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Grave Creek,	310	..	21	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Moundsville,	100	4	23	2	..	..	1	4,000	1	600	4.00	6.00	..	..	2.75	
New Martinsville,	195	4	40	3	8	3	4	2,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Fish Creek,	158	2	107	3	14	2	3	500	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Triadelphia, {	314	1	39	1	13	11	4	2,800	1	400	10.50	115.11	1.50	..	..	
Colored, {	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Short Creek & Liberty	100	2	10	..	3	10	2	2,000	1	300	5.50	25.00	..	6.00	..	
TOTAL,	2182	31	637	18	96	147	23	36,700	5	2,900	56.84	645.20	6.91	29.65	30.97	

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PARKERSBURG District.															
Williamstown Circuit	205	3	28	5	12	12	7	1,700	1	600		23.00			
Middlebourn,	215	1	103	2	44	16	.....	.....	1	300	.....	2.75	.....	.....	.....
Murrayville,	90	.....	22	3	1	2	3	900	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Union,	222	4	38	2	10	4	1	350	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....
Elizabeth,	215	1	84	5	24	20	.....	.....	1	240	.....	10.25	.....	1.00	1.10
Glenville,	186	4	47	3	.....	7	4	1,000	.....	.....	.....	15.20	.....	.....	.....
Harrisville,	568	3	185	3	25	15	9	3,800	1	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Parkersburg,	108	1	10	1	3	2	2	2,500	2	2,000	2.75	25.00	1.00	3.00	2.50
Colored,	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New California,	194	3	50	4	7	9	1	100	1	200	.....	7.00	.....	.....	.....
Sistersville,	275	.....	6	1	21	10	3	1,000	.....	.....	.....	98.75	2.75	.....	.....
Ripley,	199	5	20	5	1	8	4	1,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL,	2507	25	593	39	148	105	34	12,350	7	3,740	2.75	186.98	3.75	4.00	3.60
CHARLESTON District.															
Charleston (White,	58	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Station, (Col'd.,	217	1	4	.....	12	17	1	6,000	.....	.....	2.60	26.75	2.84	.....	.....
Malden,	53	6	38	1	.....	4	1	1,000	.....	.....	.....	35.00	8.00	.....	.....
Mountain Cove,	155	1	18	.....	6	4	1	500	.....	.....	.....	7.50	.....	.....	.....
Summerville,	250	4	29	6	8	10	4	1,000	.....	.....	.....	12.63	.....	.....	.....
Fork Lick,	137	6	5	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sutton,	200	.....	27	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elk River,	250	1	12	4	.....	23	3	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charleston Circuit,	122	1	36	2	1	8	1	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Point Pleasant,	170	2	116	1	4	4	5	6,000	.....	.....	.....	13.00	.....	.....	.....
Calhoun,	160	.....	37	2	.....	5	2	300	.....	.....	.....	1.12	.....	.....	.....
Buffalo,	114	1	31	3	5	4	2	900	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL,	1916	23	244	22	36	78	20	16,200	.....	.....	2.60	96.00	10.84	.....	.....
GUYANDOTTE District.															
Guyandotte,	117	3	45	.....	7	6	2	500	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....
Wayne,	371	3	36	4	8	6	4	1,800	.....	.....	.....	19.56	.....	.....	.....
Sandy,	210	1	53	2	20	22	1	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Logan,	298	1	128	3	8	30	3	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wyoming,	257	2	47	3	11	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....
Fayette & Raleigh,	218	2	74	4	41	14	2	600	.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....	.....
Clifton,	138	2	37	1	4	2	2	100	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....
Coal River,	107	2	116	2	5	5	4	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ham line,	94	2	40	2	1	8	1	200	.....	.....	.....	5.00	3.00	.....	.....
Monticello,	50	2	35	.....	6	2	2	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Putnam,	70	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	3	2,800	.....	.....	.....	26.00	.....	5.00	.....
Colored,	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL,	1930	20	606	21	111	107	24	7,800	.....	.....	.....	71.56	3.00	5.00	.....

SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

APPOINTMENTS.

	No. of Schools	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library	No. Bible Class's	Scholars in Infant Classes.	Expenses of Schools this y'r	Raised for benev't objects	S. S. Advocates taken.	Conversions.
MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.										
Morgantown Station,.....	1	31	153	424	1	60	25.00	5.00	41	8
Morgantown Circuit,.....	6	40	300	300	2	....	....	....	....	25
Brandonville,.....	4	20	140	700	4	....	8.00	....	....	12
Monongalia,.....	6	65	243	793	12	40	4.25	....	1	11
Selbysport,.....	7	50	250	600	2	60	40.00	....	....	15
Kingwood,.....	9	50	300	2000	....	....	....	....	2	....
Oakland and Snowy Creek,.....	9	58	280	500	3	....	22.50	....	11	3
Westernford and Dry Fork,.....	10	50	250	650	1	75	25.00	....	15	10
Blacksville and Dunkard,.....	4	56	256	687	24	100	13.75	1.38	....	33
Barbour,.....	4	37	131	300	2	30	12.00	....	....	....
Petterman and Grafton,.....	3	35	190	443	4	40	30.00	....	....	6
White Day,.....	2	20	70	1120	....	....	....	....	....	....
TOTAL,.....	65	512	2563	8517	52	405	180.50	6.38	70	123
CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.										
Clarksburg,.....	1	9	40	150	1	....	15.00	....	23	2
West Millford,.....	8	87	328	894	6	98	18.50	....	14	....
Weston Station,.....	2	10	70	150	....	....	....	....	....	3
Weston Circuit,.....	5	46	206	433	10	73	12.30	....	6	20
Pruntytown,.....	4	30	100	100	1	....	10.00	....	....	5
Phillippi,.....	10	110	530	885	....	8	4.02	....	....	18
Webster and Claysville,.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Buckhannon,.....	3	20	120	200	3	....	23.00	....	10	....
Burnersville,.....	5	47	200	569	....	....	12.00	....	....	....
Fairmont and Palatine,.....	2	25	115	400	....	....	40.50	5.10	27	12
Marion,.....	3	108	330	860	8	....	....	10.00	36	25
Lumberport,.....	3	25	100	140	2	75	....	....	....	....
Beverly,.....	3	22	100	150	4	25	5.00	....	1	7
Knawls Creek,.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Mannington,.....	7	70	350	700	21	182	45.00	2.00	40	....
Webster and Sympson,.....	1	8	20	40	2	....	....	....	....	....
TOTAL,.....	62	617	2609	5671	58	461	185.32	17.10	159	92
WHEELING DISTRICT.										
Wheeling, Fourth Street,.....	1	33	230	350	15	116	150.00	16.25	150	47
" North Street,.....	3	45	360	1526	3	75	56.00	4.90	105	30
" Chapline Street,.....	1	31	225	1116	5	75	123.25	7.07	60	10
South Wheeling,.....	1	17	80	250	3	....	....	....	27	....
Benwood,.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Triadelphia,.....	4	16	214	350	4	....	21.25	....	....	....
Short Creek and Liberty,.....	2	20	100	175	2	....	20.00	....	....	....
Elizabethtown,.....	1	16	60	328	3	17	....	2.75	....	....
Grave Creek,.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Marshall,.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
New Martinsville,.....	3	20	200	250	1	....	10.00	....	....	20
Fish Creek,.....	3	26	92	300	....	....	5.00	....	10	....
TOTAL,.....	19	224	1561	4645	36	283	485.50	30.87	352	107
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.										
Parkersburg,.....	1	14	80	150	3	....	5.00	2.50	12	4
Elizabeth,.....	7	53	234	708	10	65	18.00	1.10	10	34
Ripley and Mill Creek,.....	2	12	80	200	2	....	10.75	....	....	....
Williamsport,.....	5	30	250	300	5	30	25.00	....	30	....
Harrisonville,.....	4	44	150	300	....	....	16.00	....	1	20
West Union,.....	4	40	140	225	2	40	8.00	....	....	....
Middlebourn,.....	3	16	130	325	3	80	5.00	....	....	20
TOTAL,.....	26	209	1064	2708	25	215	87.95	3.60	53	78

APPOINTMENTS.		No. S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	No. Bible Clas's	Scholars in Infant Classes.	Expenses of Schools this y'r	Raised for benev't obj'cts	S. S. Advocates taken.	Conversions.
CHARLESTON DISTRICT.											
Charleston,	1	15	75	.....	1	.....	15.00	.....	45	...	...
Malden,	3	10	80	230	..	30	14.00	.....	20	5	5
Mountain Cove,	2	.....	130	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2
Buffalo,	1	9	25	200	1	7	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Point Pleasant,	4	60	250	1000	4	7	100.00	.....	.....	7	7
TOTAL,	11	94	430	1660	6	44	134.00	.....	65	14	14
GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.											
Guyandotte,	3	20	75	100	1	30	.....	.....	16	9	9
Putnam,	2	18	80	250	1	.....	15.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wayne,	3	31	87	267	3	72	.....	.....	3	1	1
Monticello Mission,	3	25	125	400	6	80	20.00	.....	.....	3	3
Logan,	9	35	356	358	9	215	.....	.....	1	16	16
TOTAL,	20	129	723	1375	20	397	35.00	.....	20	29	29

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.		No. S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	No. Bible Clas's	Scholars in Infant Classes.	Expenses of Schools this y'r	Raised for benev't obj'cts	S. S. Advocates taken.	Conversions.
Morgantown,	65	512	2563	8517	52	405	180.50	6.38	70	123	123
Clarksburg,	61	617	2609	5671	58	461	185.32	17.10	159	92	92
Wheeling,	19	224	1561	4645	36	283	485.50	30.87	352	107	107
Parkersburg,	26	209	1064	2708	25	215	87.95	3.60	53	78	78
Charleston,	11	94	430	1660	6	44	1.34	.....	65	14	14
Guyandotte,	20	129	723	1375	20	397	35	.....	20	29	29
TOTAL,	201	1785	8950	24576	197	1805	1,105.27	57.95	719	443	443
Total last year,	214	2081	9368	23281	144	1868	787.41	64.66	927	260	260
Increase, .....	.....	.....	.....	1295	53	.....	320.86	.....	.....	183	183
Decrease,	13	266	418	.....	.....	63	.....	6.71	208	.....	.....

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

STATIONS.	PREACHERS.	Children		Quar- terage.	Table Expenses.	Sent.	Total.	Receipts.	Deficiency.	Conference Collections.	Traveling Ex- penses.
		Under 7.	Over 7.								
MORGANTOWN. <i>District.</i>											
MORGANTOWN DIST.	G. Martin, P. E.,	3	2	296	250.00	80	626.00	592.11	33.89	.....	14.00
Morgantown Sta.,*	J. Drummond,	2	..	200	225.00	P	425.00	425.00	.....	.....	18.30
Morgantown Cir.,	J. G. Nixon,	2	..	232	100.00	..	332.00	260.00	72.00	.....	..
Morgantown Cir.,	P. Green,	..	..	100	..	..	100.00	72.50	27.50	.....	5.00
Monongalia,.....	R. M. Wallace,	2	1	264	125.00	P	389.00	337.21	51.79	5.00	17.75
Monongalia,.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Blacksville,.....	D. H. R. Dix,	1	..	216	92.00	18	326.00	260.00	66.00	.....	35.00
Kingwood,.....	J. J. Dollowers,	1	..	216	150.00	..	366.00	256.11	109.89	.....	10.00
Kingwood,.....	Hagans & Rice,	..	..	100	..	..	100.00	66.15	33.85	.....	..
Brandonville,.....	Spencer King,	2	..	232	115.00	..	347.00	325.07	21.93	.....	4.75
Sclysport,.....	B. F. Bal,	1	..	216	125.00	35	376.00	376.00	..	.....	14.00
Oakland,.....	D. O. Stuart,	1	2	264	200.00	..	464.00	441.43	22.57	.....	35.00
Westernford,.....	Wm. R. Carroll,	1	..	216	100.00	12	328.00	222.45	105.55	.....	7.00
Barbour,.....	W. L. Hindman,	..	1	224	100.00	P	324.00	269.00	55.00	1.50	20.00
Barbour,.....	J. Carroll,	..	..	100	..	..	100.00	82.00	18.00	.....	..
Fettrman & Grafton†	T. H. Trainer,	2	2	280	160.00	25	465.00	465.00	..	.....	19.00
White Day,.....	F. R. Bogges,	1	..	216	75.00	..	291.00	291.00	..	.....	9.00
TOTAL,.....	.....	17	8	3872	1817.00	170	5359.00	4741.03	617.97	6.50	176.80
CLARKSBURG. <i>District.</i>											
CLARKSBURG DIST.	G. Battelle, P. E.	2	4	228	300.00	80	728.00	670.18	57.00	.....	..
Clarksburg Sta.,...	J. B. Blakeney,	..	..	100	132.50	..	232.50	232.50	..	.....	4.40
West Milford,.....	R. Brooks,	..	2	248	175.00	P	423.00	394.51	28.19	8.50	11.64
West Milford,.....	E. McWhorter,	..	..	100	..	..	100.00	93.33	6.67	.....	5.00
Weston Station,...	J. Hare,	..	..	100	..	..	100.00	94.00	15.27	.....	10.00
Weston Circuit,...	J. W. Webb,	2	..	232	125.00	P	357.00	357.00	..	3.85	8.00
Weston Circuit,...	W. C. Wilson,	..	..	100	..	..	100.00	100.00	..	..	..
Webster & Simpson,	J. W. Reeves,	..	..	200	..	..	..	151.74	48.26	.....	..
Buckhannon,.....	S. Steele,	1	..	216	125.00	13	354.00	354.00	..	.....	7.50
Lumberport,.....	Jos. Knotts,	1	..	216	113.00	25	364.00	239.40	124.60	.....	10.00
Fairmt & Palatine§	G. W. Arnold,	3	1	272	171.60	P	443.60	..	..	.....	56.40
Marion,.....	J. W. Snodgrass,	2	2	248	125.00	P	373.00	360.75	12.25	6.05	7.00
Marion,.....	W. C. McCarty,	..	..	100	..	..	100.00	96.83	5.17	.....	2.00
Mannington,.....	H. Stevens,	1	..	216	150.00	P	366.00	366.00	..	.....	..
Beverly & Randolph	A. Bowers,	2	..	232	100.00	P	372.00	372.00	..	.....	40.00
Pruntytown,.....	W. Smith,	4	2	296	150.00	P	440.70	283.09	163.61	.....	2.70
Pruntytown,.....	A. Rohrbough,	..	..	75	..	..	..	45.24	29.76	.....	..
Burnsville,.....	L. Park,	2	..	248	70.00	..	318.00	221.00	97.80	.....	..
Burnsville,.....	J. B. Coburn,	..	..	100	..	..	100.00	67.00	33.00	.....	..
Phillippi,.....	A. Hall,	1	..	216	125.00	P	341.00	260.12	80.88	.....	..
Phillippi,.....	F. H. J. King,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..
TOTAL,.....	.....	13	15	3843	1862.10	118	5712.30	4758.99	708.49	13.40	154.64
WHEELING. <i>District.</i>											
WHEELING DIST.,...	M. Tichnell, P. E.	..	..	200	225.00	75	500.00	506.22	..	.....	53.00
Wheeling, 4th Str.,	J. E. Wilson,	..	..	248	552.00	200	1000.00	1000.00	..	22.35	100.00
" North Street,	A. A. Reger,	1	2	264	216.00	96	576.00	576.00	..	..	3.00
" Chapline Str.,	T. H. Monroe,	..	..	650	..	..	650.00	650.00	..	11.48	..
South Wheeling,...	A. Stevens,	..	..	200	267.00	73	545.00	320.00	225.00	.....	5.00
Benwood,.....	S. R. Dawson,	2	1	156	169.00	75	400.00	331.00	69.00	.....	..
Benwood,.....	G. W. Richmond,	..	..	100	..	..	100.00	83.12	16.88	.....	..
Short Creek,.....	J. L. Irwin,	..	..	450	..	..	450.00	300.00	150.00	5.50	..
Elizabethtown,...	S. R. Griffith,	1	..	216	250.00	P	466.00	450.00	16.00	4.00	9.00
Grave Creek,.....	W. R. How,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..
Grave Creek,.....	H. D. Rice,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..
Fish Creek,.....	M. Allen,	..	..	100	..	..	100.00	92.16	7.84	.....	5.00
New Martinsville,	W. E. Williamson	1	..	216	190.00	70	476.00	400.00	76.00	.....	13.00
Triadelphia,.....	R. A. Arthur,	3	..	248	200.00	P	448.00	448.00	..	10.51	32.00
TOTAL,.....	.....	8	3	3700	1519.00	394	5611.00	5056.50	560.72	56.84	226.00

*\$70 Necessitous Money reported from Morgantown Station. \$41.00 do from Sclysport Circuit.
 †\$4.38 do from Fettrman and Grafton. §\$5.00 do from Fairmont and Palatine.

STATIONS.	PREACHERS.	Children		Quarterage.	Table Expenses.	Rent.	Total.	Receipts.	Deficiency.	Conference Collections.	Traveling Expenses.
		Under 7.	Over 7.								
PARKERSBURG. <i>District.</i>											
PARKERSBURG DIST.	A. J. Lyda, P. E.	1	..	216	254.00	100	570.00	450.00	120.00	..	25.00
Parkersburg Sta.,	Benj. Ison,	2	..	232	150.00	P	382.00	317.00	65.00	2.65	18.00
Elizabeth Cir.,	J. M. Powell,	1	1	216	100.00	..	316.00	264.00	52.00	..	25.00
Murraysville,	W. Gardner,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ripley & Mill Cr'k.,	D. O. Carmack,	..	..	200	80.00	50	330.00	250.46	79.54	..	6.30
California,	S. E. Steele,	1	..	216	60.00	..	276.00	222.81	53.19	..	12.75
Williamsport,	J. W. Latham,	..	..	200	75.00	P	275.00	189.00	86.00	..	6.00
Williamsport,	J. W. W. Bolton,	..	..	100	..	..	100.00	76.26	23.74	..	6.00
Harrisville,	C. Corner,	2	2	276	124.00	P	400.00	359.81	40.19	..	13.50
Harrisville,	Chas. King,	..	..	100	..	..	100.00	84.00	16.00	..	..
West Union,	J. H. Temple,	..	..	200	100.00	18	318.00	223.41	94.59	..	12.70
West Union,	D. A. McGinis, sup	4	..	264	..	..	264.00	..	..	..	..
Middlebourn,	Robt. Brooks,	..	..	200	100.00	P	300.00	235.50	64.50	..	45.00
Sistersville,	R. Woodyard,	1	..	216	140.00	30	386.00	351.50	34.50	..	42.71
Glenville,	J. Branch,	2	1	256	105.00	..	361.00	281.04	79.96	..	..
TOTAL,	..	14	4	2,892	1288.00	198	4378.00	3304.67	809.33	2.65	212.96
CHARLESTON. <i>District.</i>											
CHARLESTON DIST.,	J. L. Clark, P. E.	..	1	224	256.00	120	600.00	450.00	150.00	..	20.00
Charleston Sta.,	J. S. Patterson,	1	2	264	186.00	..	400.00	367.00	32.23	2.50	25.00
Malden,	I. M. O'Fling,	..	..	100	..	..	100.00	75.00	25.00	..	12.00
Summersville Cir.,	Sml. Jones,	1	3	288	75.00	6	369.00	213.17	55.83	..	*42.86
Fork Lick,	John Cook,	no	ce	rtific	ate.	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutton,	A. Dixon,	no	ce	rtific	ate.	..	..	..	..	..	..
Elk River,	C. H. Hatfield,	..	..	150	..	..	150.00	51.00	45.00	..	6.00
Charleston,	J. B. Pinchen,	..	..	100	..	..	100.00	64.00	36.00	..	5.00
Buffalo,	J. B. Feather,	..	..	200	100.00	40	340.00	220.00	120.00	..	15.00
Point Pleasant,	J. M. Phelps,	1	3	288	140.00	50	418.00	471.00	27.00	..	..
Calhoun,	Thomas Hughs,	..	..	100	..	..	100.00	57.82	42.18	..	5.00
Mountain Cove,	L. H. Dorsey,	..	..	100	..	..	100.00	99.38	9.62	..	12.00
TOTAL,	..	3	9	1,814	707.00	216	2767.00	2059.37	542.86	2.50	142.86
GUYANDOTTE. <i>District.</i>											
GUYANDOTTE DIST.,	J. W. Reger,	..	..	240	225.00	125	524.00	519.00	11.00	..	10.00
Guyandotte Cir.,	H. C. Sanford,	..	..	100	..	..	100.00	90.00	10.00	..	10.00
Wayne,	Jno. Garner,	..	..	100	..	..	100.00	100.00	..	..	..
Wayne,	W. H. Shaw,	..	..	100	..	..	100.00	100.00	..	..	..
Sandy,	P. Vandervort,	..	..	100	..	..	100.00	100.00	..	..	5.00
Logan,	R. Hager,	..	..	200	62.00	..	262.00	193.50	68.50	..	10.00
Coal River,	J. S. Hall,	..	..	100	..	..	100.00	80.00	20.00	..	5.00
Fayette & Raleigh,	V. Sanford,	..	..	100	..	..	100.00	55.00	45.00	..	15.00
Clifton,	— Darlington,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hamline,	A. R. Crislip,	2	..	132	..	..	132.00	109.42	22.58	..	20.00
Putnam,	R. Northcraft,	..	..	100	..	..	100.00	70.00	30.00	..	12.00
Monticello,	A. W. Gregg,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wyoming,	B. Hagar,	1	2	264	80.00	..	344.00	208.95	135.05	..	10.00
TOTAL,	..	3	2	1,536	367.00	125	2028.00	1623.87	402.13	..	97.00

* Not paid.

R E P O R T S .

REPORT OF THE STEWARDS OF W. V. CONFERENCE.

The Stewards submit the following as their report. Whole claims, receipts and deficiencies, as near as could be ascertained, are as follows :

Whole Claims,	\$25,855 30
“ Receipts,	21,544 43
Whole Deficiency,	\$4,310 87

To question 15, page 36 of Discipline, “What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied? Answer,

Conference Collections,	\$81 89
Draft on Chartered Fund,	25 00
Collection for Necessitous Cases,	80 33

Total,	\$187 22
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The Stewards were instructed by the Conference to dispense with the “per centage system,” and to exercise their discretion in dividing the funds among the necessitous; and as the Stewards are the “Committee on Necessitous Cases,” they have added the “Necessitous Money” to the “Conference Collections, &c.” and have applied the whole as follows, viz :

W. R. Carroll,	\$ 5 00	Brought up,	\$73 51
Levi Park,	8 00	Widow Summers,	18 23
D. O. Carmack,	5 00	Widow Freeland,	18 23
J. H. Temple,	10 00	Rev. Francis Guthrie, ..	35 00
Robert Brooks,	5 00	Samuel Jones,	5 00
J. Branch,	10 00	T. C. Hatfield,	20 00
V. Sanford,	5 00	J. B. Feather,	5 00
Benj. Hager,	10 00	Thomas Hughs,	5 00
R. Northcraft,	5 00	Robert Hagar,	5 00
S. R. Dawson,	10 51	Stationery,	2 25

Carried up,	\$73 51	Total,	\$187 22
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Funds on hand, arising from the sale of Dr. Drummond's Conference Sermon, for the benefit of the Widows and Orphans, who are claimants upon the Western Virginia Conference.....\$85 00

And divided as follows :

To Widow Summers,.....	\$42 50
“ “ Freeland,.....	42 50

Total,.....	\$85 00
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Making the whole amount given

To the Widow Summers,.....	\$60 73
“ “ “ Freeland,.....	60 73

All of which is respectfully submitted,

THOS. H. TRAINER, Chairman.

CHARLESTON, VA., April 19, 1858.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

*To the Bishops and Members of the Western Virginia Conference,
in Conference assembled at Charleston, Virginia ;*

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—We rejoice in a renewed opportunity of presenting to your venerable body, our congratulations upon the continued prosperity of Allegheny College. A gracious Providence still smiles upon your efforts to dispense through the instrumentality of this Institution, the benefits of enlightened piety and liberal culture; and a large attendance of students, evinces that your liberality is justly appreciated and is productive of signal advantages to a large and influential community. The College, in common with all other literary institutions, has felt the pressure which has rested upon the financial interests of the country, and the aggregate attendance of students for the present year, is somewhat less than for several preceding years. With the return of confidence and prosperity, we confidently expect a large increase in the number of our students; and we are happy in being able to say that the present Term has opened more auspiciously than any for several years past, and the indications of an unprecedented increase in the College classes are decisive.

We are happy to be able to say that no death, of either an officer or a student of the College, has occurred in the past year; and both the borough of Meadville and the College, have enjoyed an extraordinary immunity from disease in any of its ordinary forms.

The Annual Catalogue of the College will be published in the course of the current Term, and we shall take care that a copy of

it be furnished to each member of your body. From it you will learn that the patronage of the College extends to all parts of the Territory embraced by the Pittsburgh and Erie Annual Conferences and in a more limited degree throughout your own Conference. While we rejoice in the prosperity of the several Academies, which your Christian enterprise has created and maintained, we should feel additional cause for gratulation if we saw a larger number of the young men who have enjoyed the advantages of your Conference Academies, resorting to our College for the purpose of completing their education. We make this suggestion from a desire to extend the influence and benefits of the College more widely, and to see it accomplishing on a grander scale its benevolent mission, to diffuse throughout that large region of country embraced within the patronizing Conferences, the light of Christian Knowledge.

The Treasurer's report, which is herewith submitted, presents succinctly but clearly, the condition of the finances of the College. From it you will learn that the current expenses of the College are confined within the narrow limits of its income, and that we expect to pay in addition thereto, a small liability incurred in the erection of the College building. The only additional claim against the College is the Alden debt, reduced to \$800, which the Centenary Board of the Erie Conference have purchased of Mrs. Alden. It is due to the patronizing Conferences, that this claim, which has been the source of so much perplexity, and at times, of distress to the College, be satisfied as soon as you can conveniently make arrangements for that purpose.

It is due to Prof. Hunter, who so ably presides over the Department of Hebrew and Biblical Literature, to say, that he is realizing the highest expectations of his friends in the efficiency with which his duties as a Professor, while he has endeared himself, not only to the members of the College, but to the public at large, by the urbanity of his manners and the dignified courtesy of a Christian gentleman. That Department continues to be a very valuable auxiliary of the College, and we trust also of an enlightened study of the Holy Scriptures.

The salaries of the President and Professors, are too small to support them without rigid economy; and it is very desirable that some plan be devised, that shall increase their support sufficiently to enable these laborious and self-denying men to devote themselves to their appropriate work without distraction or solicitude.

The Trustees have learned that at a meeting of the several committees of the patronizing Conferences, held in Pittsburgh in October last, it was resolved that hereafter the duties of the Professorship of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, be discharged by the President of the College, and that the title of his chair be changed in accordance with this resolution; and that it was

further resolved that Professor L. D. Williams, be nominated as a suitable person to fill the office of Vice President of the College. The Trustees have complied with this expression of the wishes of the Conferences. We have also learned that it is in contemplation to introduce a change in the relation of the Board to the patronizing Conferences, and otherwise to modify existing arrangements. They deem it imprudent, until more fully advised of the nature of these changes, to embarrass the action of the Conferences, by an opinion on the subjects at present under discussion.

Finally, Reverend Fathers and Brethren, We recommend the College to your fostering care, your sympathy and your prayers. These, under God, have made it what it is; and we trust that under the same guidance and protection, it is destined to run a career of still higher honor and usefulness.

DAVID DERICKSON,

President of Board of Trustees of Allegheny College.

H. L. RICHMOND, Secretary.

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE, April 8th, 1858.

ARTICLES OF CONVENTION BETWEEN THE TRUSTEES OF ALLEGHENY COLLEGE AND E. P. & W. V. CONFERENCES.

Whereas, A compact has existed between the Trustees of Allegheny College and the Pittsburgh Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which compact was approved and adopted by the Board, on the 31st of July, A. D. 1832, by which compact the College was placed under the patronage of said Conference, or, in case of a division of the Conference, under the patronage of the Conference which should include it; And,

Whereas, By subsequent division of the Conference, the College has fallen within the bounds of the Erie Annual Conference, but by mutual arrangement of the Conferences and the concurrence of the Board of Trustees, it has been brought under the joint patronage of the Erie, Pittsburgh, and Western Virginia Conferences, and it is therefore, desirable that the original articles of convention should be so modified as to conform them to the existing joint patronage of the three Conferences;

Therefore, The undersigned, Committees of said Conferences and the Board of Trustees, having met in the city of Pittsburgh, on this 22d day of October, A. D. 1857, do agree on the following as a substitute for the original articles of agreement:

ART. 1. The Board of Trustees, for the purpose of carrying into effect the objects contemplated in the charter of the Institution, place the College under the joint patronage of the Erie,

Pittsburgh, and Western Virginia Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ART. 2. The Trustees shall not contract debts on behalf of the Institution, without the consent of the Conferences.

ART. 3. Each Conference shall, at its Annual Session, appoint a Committee to act on its behalf during the interval of Conference.

ART. 4. Conferences, through their Committees, shall have the privilege of nominating persons to fill all vacancies that exist, or may hereafter exist in the Board of Trustees, in manner as follows, to wit: To each vacancy they shall name three persons, out of whom the Trustees shall select and appoint one.

ART. 5. The Conferences, through their Committees, shall have the nomination of the President and Faculty of the College, and of fixing their respective salaries, subject to the approbation of the Board of Trustees.

ART. 6. The Institution shall be conducted as the charter requires, on liberal principles, no person having any advantage, or being subjected to any disadvantage on account of his religious views.

ART. 7. If this compact shall be dissolved by any means, the Conferences shall retain their endowment, together with any books, &c., which they may have furnished; which may be removed to any other place or Institution.

ART. 8. The Trustees shall make an Annual Report to the patronizing Conferences, setting forth the state of the finances of the College, the number and progress of the Students, and the character of the Faculty in regard to efficiency in duty; and informing the Conferences of any amendments, alterations or extensions in the plans of operations, in which the approbation or co-operation of the Conferences may be required.

ART. 9. Any provision in the original articles of Convention between the Trustees and the Pittsburgh Conference, inconsistent with this agreement, or not embraced in it, is hereby revoked.

ART. 10. This agreement shall be in force when it shall have been sanctioned by the patronizing Conferences and the Board of Trustees.

J. W. FARRELLY,
N. L. RICHMOND,
D. A. FINNEY,
JAS. E. McFARLAND,
JOHN BARKER,

Com. Board of Trustees.

JAMES DRUMMOND,
D. P. MITCHELL,
A. BRADLEY,
JOHN BAIN,
MOSES HILL,

Conference Committee.

The above is a true copy.

L. D. WILLIAMS.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF MORGANTOWN FEMALE SEMINARY.

The undersigned, Trustees of the Morgantown Female Academy, beg leave to report to the Western Virginia Conference, That they have recently appointed, as Associate Principals of the said Academy, Rev. A. S. Hank, A. M., of the Baltimore Conference, and J. B. P. Hank, A. M., M. D.:

That these gentlemen are, in all respects, eminently qualified for this position:

That the buildings now erected, arranged for the accommodation of the Principal and his family, and from 12 to 20 boarders; and have school rooms sufficient to seat 100 pupils:

That during the ensuing summer, an addition will be made to the present buildings, considerably enlarging the accommodations for boarders, and for the recitations of the pupils:

That the undersigned Trustees, as aforesaid, are all members of the M. E. Church, ardently attached to its doctrines and usages, and are clothed with the corporate authority of appointing their successors:

That they are earnestly desirous of making this Seminary worthy of the patronage of all classes, but, especially, of the M. E. Church:

That the Conference is referred, for further information, to the printed catalogue, &c., herewith presented:

That the interests of the M. E. Church in this place, and in this section of the State, under peculiar circumstances now existing, demand an effort on the part of the friends of Methodism, to sustain us in our endeavors to establish a flourishing Seminary here:

That we, therefore, respectfully solicit the good will and aid of the Conference, and ask that a Committee of visitation be appointed to attend the annual examination of pupils, and such other expression of your favorable regard, as you shall deem right and proper to be made:

That we are authorised by the Principals of the Academy, to say, that children of the members of the Conference, placed under their care, will be charged 50 *per cent* less than the regular tuition fees:

And that for further and fuller particulars, in the premises, the Conference is hereby referred to Rev. Gideon Martin and Rev. James Drummond, members of your own body.

W. T. WILLEY, *President*.
C. W. WAGNER,
R. L. BERKSHIRE,
GEO. M. HAGANS,
H. DERING.

MORGANTOWN. VA., April 5th, 1858.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

FIRST.—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Your Committee is happy to learn from the Report of the Board of Trustees of Allegheny College, that this Institution is still in a prosperous condition. It was feared that the financial pressure of the times might seriously interfere with the number of Students, and otherwise embarrass its progress and usefulness; and, it is encouraging to learn, that notwithstanding these adverse influences, it maintains a healthy and prosperous condition.

This Conference is now formally recognized as one of three Conferences patronizing Allegheny College. From another document referred to us, viz: "Articles of Convention between Trustees of Allegheny College and Committee of Pittsburgh, Erie and Western Virginia Conferences," we learn, that it is proposed so to modify the original articles of Convention between the Trustees and the old Pittsburgh Conference, as to conform them to the existing joint patronage of the three Conferences. This modification requires for its consummation, the action and sanction of the three Conferences and also of the Board of Trustees. As this Conference is the first to hold its session since the initiatory steps for this modification have been taken, it is proper that it should now take action upon this subject.

It is thought to be highly important, that each of the three Conferences patronizing the College, should each year appoint a Committee to act as a joint Committee on behalf of the Conferences, and in the interim of the Sessions of Conferences, in relation to Allegheny College. By the present arrangement, the Conferences have the nomination of the Faculty of the College and of fixing their salaries, as well as the nomination of half the Board of Trustees. Vacancies, thereafter occurring in the Board of Trustees, or in the Board of Instructions, cannot be regularly filled in the interim of Conference, without such a Committee to act in behalf of the Conferences. The importance of the case, especially as it respects the Faculty, requires some standing provision to be made for it.

We offer, therefore, the following resolutions for your action:

1. *Resolved*, That it gives us great pleasure to hear of the continued prosperity of Allegheny College in all its departments; and that we do hereby recommend it to the patronage of our friends and the community within our Conference boundary.

2. *Resolved*, That we approve the proposed modification of the Articles of Convention between the Trustees of Allegheny College and the Pittsburgh Conference, so as to conform them to the existing joint patronage of the three Conferences, as agreed upon by

the Committee of the Board of Trustees and the joint Committee of the three Conferences, appointed last year.

3. *Resolved*, That we recommend to the Pittsburgh and Erie Conferences, to appoint a Joint Standing Committee of four from each Conference, to consist of two members of Conference, and two laymen, who shall be empowered to act in behalf of the Conferences, in relation to the College in the interim of their sessions.

4. *Resolved*, That (*) J. Drummond, S. R. Dawson, W. T. Willey, C. D. Hubbard, be the members of said Committee from our body for the present Conference year.

5. *Resolved*, That (*) Dr. Hunter and Prof. Martin, are hereby instructed to visit the Pittsburgh and Erie Conferences, and present this, our action, to said Conferences for their consideration.

6. *Resolved*, That J. Drummond, M. Tichnell and J. E. Wilson, be a visiting Committee to attend the examination of Allegheny College, and that they present a report of the same to the next session of this Conference.

SECOND—NORTH WESTERN VIRGINIA ACADEMY.

Your Committee rejoice to learn from the report of the Board of Trustees, that this important Institution is in a prosperous condition: and present the following resolutions respecting it:

1. *Resolved*, That we hereby cordially recommend the North Western Virginia Academy to the patronage of the Church and the public.

2. *Resolved*, That (*) J. T. Phelps, B. Ison, and J. W. Webb, be appointed a Committee to attend the examinations of said Academy and report thereon to this Conference.

THIRD.—THE MORGANTOWN FEMALE SEMINARY.

The Morgantown Female Seminary offers advantages of no ordinary character for the education of young ladies. The present management of the Institution commands the entire confidence of those interested in its success. The Committee heartily rejoice in the prospect afforded, of building up a female school of a high grade in Morgantown—a place dear to the Conference by its long sustained reputation for intelligence, morality and christian beneficence. The following resolutions are offered:

1. *Resolved*, That we judge the Morgantown Female Seminary highly worthy of the confidence of the public and the patronage of the Church.

2. *Resolved*, That we tender to the Principals of the Seminary our thanks for their generous offer respecting the children of members of this Conference.

3. *Resolved*, That (*) J. E. Wilson, Thos. H. Monroe, and J. B. Blakeney, be a Committee of visitation to attend the examinations

* Reported in blank, filled by Conference.

of the Morgantown Female Seminary, and to report thereon to this body.

FOURTH.—FAIRMONT MALE AND FEMALE SEMINARY.

We are happy to learn that this Institution is in a flourishing condition, and submit the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That we recommend to the Church and the community generally, the patronage of this Institution.

2. *Resolved*, That it is impracticable to comply with the request of the Board of Trustees, in appointing an agent, for the present.

FIFTH.—NORTH WESTERN VIRGINIA EDUCATIONAL FUND.

The Committee have had referred to them, the Report of the Treasurer, Nathan Goff, Esq., of this fund; and from their unlimited confidence in his integrity and business character, they feel warranted in saying that it is all correct, and approve of the disposition made of the proceeds of said funds.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE N. W. VA. ACADEMY.

To the Bishop and Members of the Western Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church.

The Trustees of the N. W. V. Academy, beg leave to report: That shortly after the last annual meeting of W. V. Conference, the Trustees of the said Academy, in conjunction with the Committees appointed by the said Conferences, employed the Rev. C. C. Knowlton, as Principal, in the said Academy; shortly thereafter he took charge of it; since which the Institution has been prospering under the care of the principal and his amiable and well qualified lady, and other Assistants.

The average number of pupils in attendance have been about 120.

The Trustees strongly recommend the re-appointment of the Rev. C. C. Knowlton, to the position he now occupies.

By order of the Board.

J. MOORE, *Secretary pro tem.*

CHARLES LEWIS, *President of the Board.*

REPORT OF THE TRACT COMMITTEE.

The Committee on the Tract Cause present the following as their report:

That we believe it to be the duty of this Conference to supply the members and friends of the Church, within our bounds, with a sanctified literature; therefore,

Resolved 1st. That we recommend the Rev. J. Williams, as Tract Agent, on condition that this Conference incur no pecuniary liability.

Resolved 2d. That the members of this Conference will cordially co-operate with brother Williams, in the circulation of our books and tracts.

Resolved 3d. That an Annual Collection be lifted in each of our Congregations for the benefit of the Tract Cause.

Signed, WESLEY SMITH, *Chairman*.

CHARLESTON, VA., April 16th, 1858.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The Committee take great pleasure in reporting that the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate, is financially, in a better condition than at any former period. Its assets are \$1,619 66 more than its liabilities. We recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we will continue and increase our efforts to extend the circulation of the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate.

The Committee have had under consideration, the expediency of patronizing the Baltimore Christian Advocate, and offers for adoption, the following resolution:

Resolved, That a paper which will, on all important subjects oppose innovation and heartily contend for the Discipline as it is—which is the ground taken by this Conference, and from which it does not expect to be moved, may, in our judgment, be so conducted as to meet the wants of our brethren on the border, without endangering the unity of the Church. But touching the expediency of patronizing the Baltimore Christian Advocate, each member of the Conference must judge for himself.

The Committee also submit for the consideration of the Conference, the following resolution:

Resolved, That as the National Magazine has, from its origin, been kept in existence at a great loss to the Church annually, and as there seems, after years of experiment, to be no prospect that it will be self sustained, we do hereby recommend its discontinuance at the end of the current volume.

J. DRUMMOND,
J. E. WILSON,
J. S. PATTERSON,
W. SMITH,
R. BROOKS.

REPORT ON CONFERENCE PAPER.

The Committee appointed at our last Annual Session, to consider and report upon the expediency of publishing a Conference paper, recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is, under existing circumstances, inexpedient to publish such a paper.

Signed,

J. DRUMMOND, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That we will continue to take up collections for the American Bible Society, hoping that the influence of the various denominations that manage its affairs, will be, hereafter, in proportion to their pecuniary contributions.

Signed,

J. DRUMMOND,
J. E. WILSON,
T. H. MONROE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee, as heretofore, beg leave to express their hearty approval of the Temperance Reform, and recommend that all our preachers be requested to preach on the subject of Temperance, and that every laudable effort be made to promote its advancement until the demon intemperance, shall be entirely banished from our land.

JOHN GARNER,
J. W. WEBB,
S. JONES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sunday Schools presents the following as their report:

Your Committee is glad to learn that so much is being accomplished in our bounds by the Sunday School enterprise. From the statistics placed in our hands, we have obtained the following facts, viz: that there are under our control two hundred and one schools,

consisting of seventeen hundred and eighty-five officers and teachers, and eighty thousand nine hundred and fifty scholars—making ten thousand seven hundred and thirty-five persons engaged in Sunday School operations. Also, that these schools have expended for their own support, during the year just closed, eleven hundred and eight dollars and twenty-seven cents, and have in their libraries twenty-four thousand five hundred and seventy-six volumes—being an increase of twelve hundred and ninety five over last year. They circulate seven hundred and nineteen copies of the "Sunday School Advocate," a decrease from last year of two hundred and eighty copies. They have contributed for the support of the Union, fifty-eight dollars. Also, decrease from last year of six dollars and sixty-six cents. Of the youths attending these schools, four hundred and forty-three have been converted during the past year—a greater number than in any previous year of our history as a Conference, and an increase over last year, of one hundred and eighty-three.

While we would express our gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for as much prosperity as we enjoy, your Committee would most respectfully enquire, if, by a little increased effort much more may not be done; especially as there are fifteen charges from which we have had no returns. May not schools be organized at most of the appointments in these charges? Would not a little more effort induce a greater attendance upon all our schools?

The following resolutions are respectfully submitted:

Resolved 1. That we cherish as lively an interest in the Sunday School cause as ever, and that we will continue to implore the Divine benediction upon it.

Resolved 2. That we will use greater diligence to promote its interests, by commending it more heartily to our people, and seeking their co-operation, as far as possible, in all its departments.

Resolved 3. That we will use our influence to induce our people to purchase their books from our Union, in preference to purchasing elsewhere; and we will endeavor to circulate as many copies of the Sunday School Advocate, in all our schools, as possible.

Resolved 4. That we will take up in all our Congregations, a collection to aid the Sunday School Union of the M. E. Church.

Respectfully submitted.

G. W. ARNOLD,
F. BALL,
S. KING.

CHARLESTON, VA., April 19th, 1858.

M E M O I R .

Rev. James A. Young, was born in Paris, Fauquier, Co., Va., and was converted to God at the early age of eleven years, and by the Quarterly Conference of West Milford Circuit, was licensed to preach in the year 1856. He traveled as a supply on Weston Circuit with great acceptability and usefulness; was admitted into the Western Virginia Conference at its last session, and appointed to labor as Junior preacher on the Pruntytown Circuit, arrived at his work promptly, completed one round, and was taken sick with a fever which soon terminated his earthly existence. He bore his affliction not only with composure, but cheerfully, was often in an ecstasy of joy, and passed in holy triumph from earth to heaven. "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his."

Signed,

WESLEY SMITH,
J. WESLEY WEBB.

CHARLESTON, APRIL 17, 1858.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES FOR NEXT CONFERENCE.

First Year.—J. B. BLAKENEY, H. STEVENS, A. HALL.*Second Year.*—S. STEELE, B. ISON, SPENCER KING.*Third Year.*—WESLEY SMITH, R. A. ARTHUR, JER. HARE.*Fourth Year.*—J. S. PATTERSON, THOS. H. MONROE.*To Preach Annual Missionary Sermon.*—JAS. E. WILSON.*To Preach Conference Sermon.*—J. B. BLAKENEY; *Alternate*—J. W. WEBB.

TO EXAMINE LOCAL PREACHERS.

For Deacon's Orders.—R. NORTHCRAFT, J. B. FEATHER.*For Elder's Orders.*—J. W. SNODGRASS, R. BROOKS.

WESTERN VA. CONFERENCE MISSIONARY MEETING.

The tenth annual meeting of the Western Virginia Conference Missionary Society was held in Charleston, Va., on the evening of the 17th of April, 1858.

After the meeting was called to order by the President, (Rev. J. L. Clark,) the Secretary called the names of their annual subscription, which amounted to\$71 00

The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year, viz: R. A. Arthur, President; R. L. Brooks, Vice President; J. W. Webb, Secretary; and M. Tichnell, Treasurer.

The further religious exercises of the occasion were introduced by singing, and prayer by Dr. Drummond, which was followed by able and appropriate addresses by Bros. Arthur, Wilson and Phelps, (the two latter of Baltimore Conference.) A collection was then taken, which amounted to.....\$23 27

Although the preachers, in accordance with the suggestion of Dr. Durbin, had paid the amount of their donations in connection with their own charges, several propositions were made and responded to as follows:

E. W. Newton, editor of the "Kanawha Republican," was made a life member of the Parent Society by the following paying one dollar each, viz: R. A. Arthur, Bros. Phelps and Wilson, of Balt. conf.; G. Battelle, A. J. Lyda, I. M. O'Flyng, J. L. Read, Wm. Hunter, A. Martin, H. L. Dorsey, H. V. W. Masten, V. Sanford, R. Hager, J. S. Hall, W. C. Wilson, A. Martin, W. Hunter, C. Conner, R. M. Wallace, and John Branch,...\$20 00

Bros. Phelps and Wilson, of the Baltimore Conference, were made life members of the Western Virginia Conference Missionary Society by the following, viz; T. H. Monroe, W. Hunter, A. Martin, S. Jones, G. Battelle, L. H. Dorsey, I. M. O'Flyng, J. M. Phelps, J. W. Webb, and J. M. Powell.....\$10 00

Mrs. M. L. Clark was made a life member of the Parent Society by the following paying one dollar each, viz: Bros. Phelps and Wilson, (of Balt. conf.,) W. Hunter, A. Martin, H. V. W. Masten, I. M. O'Flyng, E. W. Newton, Mrs. Jno. Truslow, Mrs. James Truslow, Mrs. Gatewood, G. Battelle, T. H. Monroe, W. Hunter, J. Drummond, A. J. Lyda, R. Hager, C. Sharp, H. C. Sanford, R. M. Wallace, and D. H. K. Dix,.....\$20 00

Mrs. E. A. Patterson was made a life member of the Parent Society by the following: Bro. Wilson, (of Balt. conf.,) H. Z. Adams, D. H. K. Dix, J. S. Patterson, R. L. Brooks, C. Thayer, W. Hunter, A. Martin, J. L. Clark, C. King, Bro. Bushfield, Bro. M'Nell, J. M. Phelps, W. C. Wilson, J. M. Powell, V. Sanford, Bro. Phelps, (of Balt. conf.,) J. S. Hall, and Jno. Branch,...\$20 00

Whole amount obtained at the Anniversary,..... \$164 77

Whole amount from circuits and stations,..... \$2,115 68

Total, \$2,280 45

J. S. PATTERSON, *Secretary.*

FINANCIAL PLAN ADOPTED BY THE WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

PART I.

1. A meeting of the Stewards and Preacher or Preachers, in each circuit or station, shall be held on the third Saturday after the close of each Annual Conference; the place of holding the meeting to be designated by the last quarterly Conference for the year.

2. It shall be the duty of the Stewards at this meeting to make an estimate of the amount necessary to furnish house rent, fuel and table expenses, for the families of the Preacher or Preachers appointed to labor for them; the claim for quarterage shall then be added to the above estimate; and it shall be the duty of this meeting to divide the whole amount among the several classes of the circuit or station, according to their number, circumstances and privileges.

3. It shall be the duty of this meeting to district the circuit or station among the Stewards, giving each his proportion of the classes to attend during the year.

4. It shall be the duty of each Steward, as soon as the estimate shall have been made, to inform each class within his district of the amount apportioned to them, and inquire of each member what he or she is willing to give per week, according to Mr. Wesley's plan, or quarterly, for the support of the gospel, in the circuit or station, and to write this opposite his or her name in the class book.

5. It shall be the duty of each Leader or class Steward to see that this amount is regularly collected, and placed in the hands of the Stewards or Preachers weekly or quarterly.

6. It shall be the duty of the Stewards to circulate a subscription paper, for the support of the Gospel, at all the appointments where it may be deemed expedient, among those persons who are not members of the Church, but are in the habit of attending upon our ministry.

7. It shall be the duty of each Presiding Elder, in every quarterly Conference of his district, to have the name of each Leader called by the Secretary, and at the same time report the apportionment of his class, the amount received, and the deficiency, if any. To inquire if there be any of our members who refuse to contribute to the support of the Gospel; and, if any, their reasons for thus refusing. If their excuses are not satisfactory, it shall be the duty of the Steward of that district of the circuit or station, or the Preacher in charge, to visit them and try to convince them of the great evil that must result from such a principle, if carried out.

8. It shall be the duty of the Stewards, at every quarterly meeting, to make report to all the members present of the state of the finances of the circuit or station—stating the amount received, and the deficiency, if any, of each class.

9. It shall be the duty of the Leader of every class that may be reported deficient, to inform his class immediately after the quarterly meeting, of the amount of their deficiencies, individually.

10. Each Presiding Elder is respectfully requested to inform this Conference, when he represents his district, whether this financial system has been attended to in all his charges.

11. The Presiding Elders are required, at the first quarterly meeting of this year in each circuit and station, to bring the subject before the Conference, that the Stewards may be confirmed as the estimating committee provided for in the Discipline.

12. The last quarterly Conference of this year is requested to appoint the Stewards an estimating Committee for the ensuing year, in conformity with the Discipline and this plan.

PART II.—CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

The Board of Conference Stewards shall hereafter be constituted by the appointment of one *preacher* and one *layman*, with an alternate, from each Presiding Elder's district, in the following manner: The former by nomination and election, as heretofore; the latter by a majority of its votes cast in his favor at the annual meeting of the district Stewards. Each lay Steward thus elected shall receive a certificate of his election, signed by the President and Secretary of the meeting. He shall have a home provided for him at the seat of Conference, with the privilege of sitting within the bar, and of participating in the discussion of any question of finance that may be brought before the Conference. And the said delegates shall continue to represent officially their respective districts in the Board of Stewards until their successors shall be appointed.

The Joint Board thus constituted shall receive and distribute the funds under the direction of the conference. They shall estimate at each Annual Session the sum which will probably be necessary to meet the claims of the superannuated Preachers, Widows and Orphans for the year next ensuing, and equitably apportion the same to the districts which they severally represent, according to their respective ability. Each Presiding Elder shall call together annually the district Stewards, who shall distribute the amount aforesaid among the circuits and stations within his bounds. And if for any reason no such meeting be held, he shall, with the assistance of the lay Conference Stewards, make the distribution upon the basis of his own claim.

The quarterly Conferences are respectively requested to adopt such measures as may be effective in raising the amounts set off to their respective charges.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the following be the form of the Recording Stewards' certificate for this Conference; and that the same be published in our minutes:

This is to certify that the claims and receipts of A. B. _____ Circuit, for the Conference year ending _____ are as follows:

Quartermage for self and wife,.....	\$
For Children over 7,.....	
For Children under 7,.....	
Table expenses and fuel,.....	
House rent,.....	

Total,...	\$
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Deficiency,.....	
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Travelling expenses \$... paid,

C. D., *Recording Steward*.

G. MORTON,

J. B. BLAKENEY.

Resolved, That J. Drummond, S. R. Dawson, Wm. Hunter, and James E. Wilson, be a Committee to ascertain what is due to this Conference from the Centenary Fund, and to obtain if possible, the dividends justly due to us for past years, and also for the coming year.

WHEREAS, it is the duty of every person who is to be examined on the Course of Study for Probationers and traveling Deacons, to be present on the first day of our Annual Session,

Resolved, That hereafter, such of them as are not present at the proper time, shall be required to give to the Conference, before their examination by a Committee, a satisfactory reason for their absence.

J. DRUMMOND,

J. E. WILSON.

Resolved, That each member of the Western Virginia Annual Conference be requested to write an account of the time and place of his birth and conversion, call to the ministry, &c., accompanied with any incidents suitable to be published in the minutes of said Conference after his decease.

Resolved, That the Preachers are each respectfully requested to collect facts concerning Methodism in Western Virginia, and to present the same to the Committee appointed to gather such information.

A. J. LYDA,
S. R. DAWSON.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the citizens of Charleston and vicinity, for their generous hospitality in the entertainment of its members.

Resolved, That our thanks be tendered to those Ministers who have kindly granted to us the use of their Churches, during the session of this Conference.

JAMES E. WILSON,
HENRY C. SANFORD.

Resolved, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the Baltimore and Ohio and the North Western Virginia Rail Road Companies, and to the owners and officers of the steamers Silver Star and Hurricane, for reducing the fare of members of this Conference.

BENJ. ISON,
R. BROOKS.

DETAILED MISSIONARY REPORT OF WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

WHEELING DISTRICT—*Chapline Street Station.*

To constitute Miss Caroline Shoemaker a Life Member of Parent Society.

Miss Sallie Gorrell,.....	\$1 00
C. D. Hubbard,.....	1 00
J. Wilson,.....	1 00
Mrs. Emma Hubbard,.....	1 00
Mrs. E. Hersey,.....	1 00
Miss Sophia Hubbard,.....	1 00
T. List,.....	1 00
Miss G. J. Goudy,.....	1 00
Miss E. Baggs,.....	1 00
O. K. Ellifrets,.....	1 00
Mrs. N. Cummins,.....	1 00
John Goudy,.....	1 00
J. Reed,.....	1 00
M. B. Reed,.....	1 00
Mrs. Asworth,.....	1 00
D. K. Bell,.....	1 00
Miss Laura Wicks,.....	1 00
Miss Emma S. Hubbard,.....	1 00
Miss Catharine Cowl,.....	1 00
Collection,	1 00

Total,\$20 00

To constitute Mrs. James Wilson Life Member of Parent Society.

T. H. Monroe,.....	\$2 00
J. Reed,	2 00
T. List,.....	2 00
Mrs. S. P. Hubbard,.....	2 00
Mrs. M. B. Reed,.....	2 00
Mrs. Detwiler,.....	2 00
Mrs. N. Ripley,.....	1 00
Miss C. Shoemaker,.....	1 00
John Goudy,.....	2 00
James Baggs,.....	2 00
Henry Bracking,.....	2 00

Total,\$20 00

To constitute Miss Julia Milton a Life Member of the Parent Society.

John M'Canly,.....	\$1 00
Thomas Tennant,.....	1 00
Valentine Geesy,.....	1 00
Isaac Goudy,.....	1 00
J. H. Cowl,.....	1 00
Harry Harding,	1 00
Mrs. M. Hastings,.....	1 00
Mrs. S. Tennant,.....	1 00
Mrs. Doyle,.....	1 00
Theodore,.....	1 00
Collection,	10 00

Total,\$20 00

To constitute Geo. Hastings Life Member of the Parent Society.

M. B. Reed,.....	\$2 00
C. D. Hubbard,.....	2 00
W. Hastings,.....	2 00
D. R. Bell,.....	2 00
John Goudy,.....	2 00
J. Harlan,	2 00
T. List,	2 00
P. Ripley,.....	2 00
Isaac Goudy.....	2 00

Total,\$20 00

To constitute C. D. Hubbard, a Life Member of Parent Society.

T. H. Monroe,.....	\$5 00
T. List,.....	5 00
M. B. Reed,.....	3 00
James Wilson,.....	5 00
John Goudy,.....	1 00
H. B. Hubbard,.....	1 00

Total,\$20 00

To constitute Grindrot Ashworth
Life Member of Western Vir-
ginia Missionary Society.

C. D. Hubbard,.....\$1 00
J. Wilson,.....1 00
Detwiler,1 00
Mrs. Tuttle,1 00
D. R. Bell,.....1 00

Total,.....\$5 00

To constitute Mary V. Monroe a
Life Member of Parent Society.

C. D. Hubbard,.....\$5 00
T. List,.....5 00
Miss Sallie Garroll,.....1 00
Miss Laura Wickes,.....1 00
Mrs. M. J. Goudy,.....1 00
John Goudy,.....1 00
Mrs. M. B. Reed,....1 00
Mrs. Wm. Morrison,.....1 00
Mrs. James Wilson,.....4 00

Total,.....\$20 00

To constitute Mary Gill a Life
Member of Western Va. Con.
Missionary Society.

C. D. Hubbard,.....\$1 00
T. List,.....1 00
J. Ripley,.....1 00
Miss J. L. Wilson,.....1 00
Miss Mary L. Lewis,.....1 00

Total,.....\$5 00

To constitute Miss Mary J. Lewis
a Life Member of the Western
Va. Con. Miss. Society.

C. D. Hubbard,.....\$1 00
J. Harlan,.....1 00
Mrs. E. Hersey,.....1 00
Miss Julia Milton,.....1 00
T. List,.....1 00

Total,.....\$5 00

To constitute Isaac Goudy a Life
Member of Western Va. Con.
Missionary Society.

C. D. Hubbard,.....\$1 00
G. Ashworth,.....1 00
John Goudy,.....1 00
G. Hastings,.....1 00
W. Hastings,.....1 00

Total,.....\$5 00

To constitute Miss E. Baggs a
Life Member of Western Va.
Con. Missionary Society.

T. List,.....\$1 00
C. D. Hubbard,.....1 00
Miss C. Shoemaker,.....1 00
James Wilson,.....1 00
Mrs. Isaac Goudy,.....1 00

Total,.....\$5 00

To constitute Mrs. Nancy Ripley
a Life Member of Western Va.
Con. Missionary Society.

T. H. Monroe,.....\$1 00
James Wilson,.....1 00
Mrs. Martha Smith,.....1 00
Mrs. Jas. Moore,.....1 00
Mrs. E. Morrison,.....1 00

Total,.....\$5 00

To constitute James H. Monroe a
Life Member of Western Va.
Con. Missionary Society.

James Wilson,.....50
Miss C. Shoemaker,50
D. R. Bell,.....50
Miss E. Baggs,50
Isaac Goudy,50
C. D. Hubbard,.....50
Mrs. W. Elliott,..1 00
L. A. Wait,1 00

Total,.....\$5 00

To constitute Miss Elizabeth J. Goudy a Life Member of Western Va. Con. Miss. Society.		To constitute Mrs. Jas. W. Moore a Life Member of the Western Virginia Conference Missionary Society.	
M. B. Reed,.....	\$1 00	T. List,.....	\$1 00
Mrs. Fisher,.....	1 00	P. Ripley,.....	1 00
Miss D. Hutchins,.....	1 00	Mrs. M. B. Reed,.....	1 00
Miss Mary Gill,.....	1 00	John Goudy,.....	1 00
C. D. Hubbard,.....	1 00	C. D. Hubbard,.....	1 00
Total,.....	\$5 00	Total,.....	\$5 00
To constitute Miss Laura Wickes a Life Member of the Western Virginia Conference Missionary Society.		To constitute Daniel Bird a Life Member of the Western Virginia Conference Missionary Society.	
Mrs. M'Cauly,.....	50	C. D. Hubbard,.....	\$1 00
Miss Margaret M'Cauly,...	50	J. Wilson,.....	1 00
C. D. Hubbard,.....	50	John Goudy,.....	1 00
J. Wilson,.....	50	J. Harlan,.....	1 00
John Goudy,.....	50	W. Hastings,.....	1 00
J. Harlan,.....	50	Total,.....	\$5 00
D. R. Bell,.....	50	To constitute Miss Elizabeth Reed a Life Member of the Western Virginia Conference Missionary Society.	
Miss C. Shoemaker,.....	50	T. H. Monroe,.....	\$1 00
T. List,.....	50	J. Wilson,.....	1 00
Ephraim Jackson,.....	50	C. D. Hubbard,.....	1 00
Total,.....	\$5 00	M. B. Reed,.....	1 00
To constitute James Reed a Life Member of Western Virginia Conference Missionary Society.		Mrs. L. Lewis,.....	1 00
M. B. Reed,.....	\$1 00	Total,.....	\$5 00
W. Hastings,.....	1 00	To constitute Miss E. L. Hubbard Life Member of the Western Virginia Conference Missionary Society.	
Mrs. James Moore,.....	1 00	Miss Caroline Shoemaker,...	\$1 00
C. D. Hubbard,.....	1 00	Wm. Craft,.....	1 00
Miss Laura Wickes,.....	1 00	Wm. Branyan,.....	1 00
Total,.....	\$5 00	John Bell,.....	1 00
To constitute James W. Moore a Life Member of Western Va. Con. Missionary Society.		D. M. Drake,.....	50
M. B. Reed,.....	\$1 00	Isaac Goudy,.....	50
T. List,.....	1 00	Total,.....	\$5 00
Mrs. E. Morrison,.....	1 00		
Miss O. Hutchins,.....	1 00		
James Wilson,.....	1 00		
Total,.....	\$5 00		

To constitute Mrs. James Reed a	Isaac Goudy.....	1 00
Life Member of the Western		
Virginia Conference Missionary	Total,.....	\$5 00
Society.		
C. D. Hubbard,.....\$1 00	Sundries,.....	2 25
James Wilson,.....1 00		
J. Reed,.....2 00	Total,.....	\$202 25

WHEELING DISTRICT—*Triadelphia Circuit.*

Mary Steele,.....\$5 00	Albert Davis,.....	5 00
Nancy Richmond,.....5 00	John E. Sisson,.....	5 00
Daniel Dague,.....5 00	Wm. Nichols,.....	5 00
Wm. Luke,.....5 00	Sundries,.....	65 00
Wm. Turner,.....5 00		
Joseph Thompson,.....5 00	Total,.....	\$115 00
Joseph Lewis,.....5 00		

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

Morgantown Station,.....	\$523 00
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MONONGALIA CIRCUIT.

D. Thorn, Collector.	Samuel Hackney, Collector.
Levi Low,.....\$1 00	J. H. Courtney,.....\$1 00
Louis Hildebrand,.....50	Michael White,.....5 00
Sundries,.....3 45	C. C. Lazzell,.....1 00
Total,.....\$4 95	Thomas Lazzell,.....2 00
	Isaac Dean,.....1 00
J. Shuman, Collector,.....\$1 00	Wm. Courtney, Sr.,.....2 00
Henry Jones,.....1 00	James Lazzell,.....2 00
E. Morris,.....1 00	James Sanders,.....50
Frances Hawkins,.....50	James M'Donough,.....50
J. L. Jones,.....50	Hynson Smyth,.....50
D. Miller,.....50	Mary White,.....1 00
Sundries,.....75	Rebecca Lazzell,.....60
Total,.....\$5 25	Ellen Lazzell,.....1 00
	Nancy Courtney,.....50
J. Thorn, Collector.	Polly Ramsey,.....1 00
J. N. Waters,.....50	Sundries,.....5 46
John Batt,.....50	Total,.....\$25 06
Jesse Thorn,.....50	
David Shaver,.....50	William Fear,.....50
Sundries,.....3 07	A. C. Fry,.....50
Total,.....\$5 07	Elisha Snyder,.....75
	H. Potter,.....65
	5 73
	Total,.....\$8 13

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT—*Monongalia Circuit.*

J. W. Thorn, Collector.	Dorcas Smith,.....	50
Matilda Scott,.....\$1 00	Jane Huggans,.....	50
Martha Byer,..... 50	Jonathan Wright,.....	1 00
Hannah Davis,..... 50	Catharine Wright,.....	50
John U. Thorn,.....1 00	James Grubb,.....	50
S. B. Scott,.....1 00	Wm. Jones,.....	50
M. W. Eberhart,..... 50	Sundries,.....	1 00
Julia M. Finnell's jewelry, valued at..... 2 00	Total,.....	\$10 50
Sundries,.....3 58	R. Everly, Collector,.....	50
Total,.....\$10 08	Rawly Waters,.....	\$1 00
J. Wildman, Collector.	George Waters,.....	1 25
John Core,.....1 00	Sundries,.....	5 11
Abigail Core,.....1 00	Total,.....	\$7 86
John Wildman,.....1 00	Sundries,.....	\$6 01
John Johnson,..... 50	Total, Monongalia Circuit,.....	\$82 91
James Eddy,..... 50		
George W. Smith,.....2 00		

FETTERMAN AND GRAFTON CIRCUIT.

To constitute Jacob Means a Life Member of Western Va. Con. Missionary Society. ....\$5 00	Joseph Shahan,.....	50
Jacob Means,.....	Alexander White,.....	50
To constitute Mrs. Rebecca Wil- son a Life Member of Western Virginia Conference Missiona- ry Society. ....\$5 00	Moses Hardner,.....	50
Mrs Rebecca Wilson,.....	Hugh Evans,.....	50
Edgar S. Wilson,..... 50	Mrs. Mary Harrison,.....	1 00
B. F. Rogers,..... 50	Total,.....	\$7 50
Thomas H. Means,..... 50	To constitute John Haymond, Sr., Life Member of Western Va. Con. Missionary Society. ....\$5 00	
Mrs. Rebecca Wilson,.....1 00	John Haymond, Sr.,.....	\$5 00
E. M. Creagler,.....1 00	Sundries,.....	\$10 85
John Rucker,.....1 00	Total,.....	\$33 85

BLACKSVILLE CIRCUIT.

William White,.....\$4 00	James J. White,.....	1 00
Michael White,..... 4 75	James G. White,.....	4 50
Simon S. White,..... 1 50	Joseph Rice,.....	1 00
Thomas White,..... 2 50	Mrs. Jane White,.....	1 00
Sundries,.....10 82	Joseph White,.....	50
Rev. John Woodruff,..... 3 00	Total,.....	\$40 07
Thomas Bland,..... 1 50		
John White,..... 4 00		

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT—*Lumberport Circuit.*

Dr. James Denham,.....	\$1 00	Sundries,.....	\$ 80
James Drummond,.....	1 00		
John W. Boggess,.....	50	Total,.....	\$6 30

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WESTERN VIRGINIA
CONFERENCE.

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT, *G. Martin, P. E.*—Morgantown, J. Drummond, G. J. Nixon, sup. Morgantown Ct., J. J. Dolliver, H. D. Rice. Monongalia, R. M. Wallace, E. Ford. Brandonville, F. Ball, J. Sharp. Selbysport, W. H. Carroll. Kingwood, S. King. E. S. Wilson. Oakland and Snowy Creek, D. O. Stuart, one to be supplied. Westernford and Dry Fork, H. Stevens. Blacksville and Dunkard Creek, D. H. K. Dix. Barbours, W. L. Hindman, one to be supplied. Fetterman and Grafton, T. H. Trainer. White Day, Levi Park.

Allegheny College, William Hunter, Professor.

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT, *G. Battelle, P. E.*—Clarksburgh, J. T. Phelps. West Milford, B. Ison, W. C. Wilson. Weston, H. C. Sandford. Weston Circuit, J. W. Snodgrass, one to be supplied. Pruntytown, J. W. Webb. J. Cook. Phillipi, A. Hall, one to be supplied. Webster and Simpson, to be supplied. Buckhannon, J. B. Blakeney. Burnersville, R. L. Brooks, F. H. J. King. Fairmont and Palatine, G. W. Arnold. Marion, C. Conner, A. B. Rohrbough. Lumberport, J. Knotts. Mannington, M. Allen, one to be supplied. Beverly, A. Bower.

J. A. Williams, Tract Agent.

Allegheny College, A. Martin, Professor.

WHEELING DISTRICT, *Moses Tichenell, P. E.*—Wheeling: Fourth street, J. E. Wilson, J. Hare; North street, A. A. Reger; Chapline street, T. H. Monroe. South Wheeling and Benwood, J. S. Hall. Salem and Cross Roads, G. W. Richmond. Marshall, S. R. Dawson. Triadelphia and Wheeling Creek, R. A. Arthur. Short Creek and Liberty, A. Stevens. Elizabethtown and Moundsville, S. R. Griffith. Grave Creek, J. L. Irwin, W. R. Howe, sup. New Martinsville, W. E. Williamson. Fish Creek, W. H. Wiley.

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT, *A. J. Lyda, P. E.*—Parkersburg, W. Smith. Elizabeth, J. M. Powell. Murraysville, J. W. W. Bolton. Ripley and Mill-creek, J. H. Temple. California, S. E. Steel. Williamstown, D. O. Carmack, one to be supplied. Harrisville, S. Steele, T. Hughes. West Union, C. King, one to be supplied. Middlebourne, R. Brooks. Sistersville, R. L. Woodyard. Glenville, John Branch.

CHARLESTON DISTRICT, *J. L. Clarke, P. E.*—Charleston, J. S. Patterson. Malden, V. Sanford. Mountain Cove, W. H. Shaw. Summersville, S. Jones. Fork Lick, Daniel Cool. Sutton, J. B. Coburn. Elk River, J. B. Pinchen. Calhoun, U. Pribble. Charleston Circuit, L. H. Dorsey. Buffalo, P. Green. Point Pleasant, J. M. Phelps.

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT, *J. W. Reger, P. E.*—Guyandotte and Catlettsburgh, J. B. Feather. Wayne, R. Northcraft, E. C. Wayman. Sandy, T. C. Hatfield. Logan, B. Hagar. Cole River, to be supplied. Fayette, A. W. Gregg. Raleigh, P. Vandervort. Putnam, J. Garner. Hamlin, A. R. Crislip. Monticello, to be supplied. Wyoming, Robert Hagar.

RULES OF ORDER ADOPTED FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN VA. CONFERENCE.

1. The Conference shall meet at 8 o'clock, A. M., and adjourn at 12, M.

2. The President shall take the Chair, precisely at the hour to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by reading the Scriptures, Singing and Prayer, and shall have the Minutes of the preceding day read and approved.

3. He shall see that all business appertaining to the Conference be brought forward, and conducted as directed by the Discipline.

4. He shall preserve order in all proceedings; and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of such an appeal, the question shall be taken without debate.

5. He shall plainly state every question, and put the same to vote whenever called for; and all motions or resolutions introduced by any member, shall be reduced to writing, if the President, Secretary, or any member, request it.

6. When a motion or resolution is made and recorded, or a report presented and read by the Secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference; but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover, before decision or amendment.

7. No new motion shall be made, until the one under consideration is disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection; unless one of the following should intervene, (which motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are placed,) viz: indefinite postponement, or to a limited time, to amend, or lie on the table.

8. Every speaker, on any subject, shall rise and address the President, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the question, or from the rule and decorum of the Conference.

9. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice upon the same question, nor more than fifteen minutes at once, unless he obtain leave of the Conference, which shall be decided by vote without debate.

10. If in debate, one member misrepresents the arguments of another, the member who is misrepresented, shall have the liberty to rise and explain, and the other shall remain silent until such explanation be given.

11. When any member conceives that another is out of order, he may call the attention of the President to the case.

12. When speaking, each member shall have due regard to the feelings of his brethren, by avoiding irritating language and personal reflections.

13. When any motion or resolution shall have passed, it shall be in order for any person who voted in the majority, to move for a reconsideration.

14. No member shall absent himself from the services of the Conference, without leave of the Conference, unless he be sick or unable to attend.

15. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question, who is not within the bar at the time when the question is put by the President, except by leave of the Conference; and every member who shall be within the bar at the time the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Conference, for special reasons, excuse him.

16. No motion shall be considered unless seconded.

17. The Secretary of the Conference shall keep a journal of all the proceedings, and when approved, shall record the same in a book provided for that purpose. He shall call the list at the opening of each session, noting the absentees. He shall take charge of the journals and all Conference papers, keep them safe, and have them forwarded to the place of the Conference sessions.

18. He shall allow no copy of papers, or extracts from the journals of the Conference to be taken without the leave of the Conference.

19. No Preacher shall bring any charge against any member of the Conference until he has first given information of the same, either by letter or otherwise, so as the accused may have an opportunity of defence.

20. The President shall appoint all committees not otherwise specially ordered by the Conference.

21. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

MINUTES
OF THE
WESTERN VA. CONFERENCE.

The Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, met in Parkersburg, Va., April 20th, 1859. Bishop Morris presided. S. R. Dawson was elected Secretary, S. Steele Assistant.

The following Committees were appointed:

Conference Stewards and Committee on Necessitous Cases.—T. H. Trainer, A. Stephens, J. B. Blakeney, J. H. Temple, J. S. Patterson, R. Northcraft, clerical. W. T. Willey, N. Goff, R. Hamilton, R. Kinnaird, E. W. Newton, B. Darlington, laymen.

Missions.—The Presiding Elders.

Public Worship.—A. J. Lyda, W. Smith.

Sunday Schools.—A. Hall, F. Ball, J. M. Phelps.

Tracts.—J. W. Snodgrass, Jno. Garner, S. Jones.

Bible Cause.—I. M. O'Flyng, J. M. Powell, V. Sanford.

Education.—J. Drummond, T. H. Monroe, G. W. Arnold, S. Steele, J. S. Patterson, Jno. Garner.

Post Offices.—Robert Brooks.

Periodicals.—H. Stephens, J. L. Irwin, J. W. Webb, R. L. Woodyard, J. M. Phelps, J. B. Feather.

Temperance.—J. L. Irwin, B. Ison, R. Brooks, A. A. Reger, F. Ball.

Conference Reporter.—Alex. Martin.

Admitted on Trial.—Jno. S. P. Carroll, Jno. B. Ford, J. A. McClure, R. A. Maxwell, Elisha L. Nicholson, B. Darlington, B. F. Rogers, Wm. E. Stephens, Wesley Bowman, L. D. Casto, James Sanford, Moses Doolittle, Nixon Potts, Allen B. Smith, Martin V. B. Smith.

Remaining on Trial.—Ulysses Pribble, A. B. Rohrbaugh, Daniel Cool, I. B. Coburn, E. Ford, E. S. Wilson, Wm. H. Willey, J. B. Sharp, E. C. Wayman, Jno. Cook, Jno. B. Pinchen.

Discontinued.—Jno. Branch.

Admitted into Full Connection.—J. W. W. Bolton, F. H. J. King, Geo. W. Richmond, Chas. King, Wm. C. Wilson, Henry D. Rice, Joseph Knotts, S. E. Steele, A. Bowler, S. R. Griffith, Thomas Hughes.

Deacons.—Those marked (*) were ordained this year.—J. W. W. Bolton*, F. H. J. King*, Geo. W. Richmond*, Chas. King*, Wm. C. Wilson*, Henry D. Rice*, Joseph Knotts*, Saml. E. Steele*, Thomas Hughes*, S. R. Griffith, Wm. H. Shaw, F. Ball, Robert Hagar, A. W. Gregg, W. R. Carroll, A. R. Crislip.

Elders.—Paul Vandervort, David O. Stewart, Joseph H. Temple, Jno. Garner, Jno. M. Phelps, Vanlinden Sanford. W. E. Williamson ordained since last conference.

A. Bower, an elder when admitted.

Located.—C. C. Knowlton, D. O. Carmack, Thomas C. Hatfield, I. M. O'Flyng, J. T. Phelps, Jno. A. Williams, Wm. Hardwick.

Supernumerary.—Geo. J. Nixon, W. R. Carroll, A. W. Gregg.

Superannuated.—Jno. Birkett, Edwd. M'Carty, D. A. McGinnis, G. Jones, J. B. West, A. Dixon.

Withdrawn.—L. H. Dorsey.

The preachers' characters were strictly examined by calling over their names before the Conference.

NUMBERS IN SOCIETY.

	As corrected by Publishing Committee.	As furnished by the Secretary.
White Members, - - - - -	18,013	17,975
Probationers, - - - - -	3,824	3,814
Local Preachers, - - - - -	187	186
Total this year, - - - - -	22,288	21,975
Last year, - - - - -	21,500	21,125
Increase, - - - - -	788	850

QUESTION 14.—*What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not received their regular allowance on the Circuit?*

ANSWER.—\$.

QUESTION 15.—*What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?*

Chartered Fund, - - - - -	\$ 25.00
Centenary Fund, - - - - -	157.00
Conference Collections, - - - - -	187.50
Total, - - - - -	\$369.50

The foregoing collections were divided as follows:

John Branch,	\$10 00	Levi Park,	25 00
B. Darlington,	20 00	J. L. Clark,	20 00
T. C. Hatfield,	25 00	W. H. Shaw,	20 00
F. Guthrie,	30 00	Samuel Jones,	15 00
Widow Summers,	10 00	B. Hagar,	20 00
J. B. Feather,	25 00	R. Hagar,	10 00
A. Dixon,	25 00	Wm. E. Williamson,	10 00
John B. Pinchen,	29 50	R. L. Woodyard,	15 00
A. R. Crislip,	10 00	Bro. Freeland's children,	17 25
J. H. Temple,	20 00	Stationary,	2 75
J. M. Phelps,	10 00		

MISSIONS.

Amount collected on Stations and Circuits,	\$1,899 66
“ “ at Conference Anniversary,	140 00
Total,	<u>\$2039 66</u>
Amount collected for Sunday School Union,	60 35
Amount collected for American Bible Society,	55 85
Amount collected for Tract Society,	43 50

MISCELLANEOUS.

Local Preachers elected and ordained Deacons.—John Matthews, Charles Ruckman, Josiah W. Reeves, Hubbard Prince and James Buckley.

Robert D. Callihan was ordained an Elder.

Action on Oregon Conference circular postponed til next year.

James Drummond and S. R. Dawson reappointed members of Publishing Committee Pittsburg Christian Advocate.

The Presiding Elder of Parkersburg district, and preacher in charge of Parkersburg station, were appointed to publish in pamphlet form the minutes of the Conference.

Conference decided that Mrs. Freeland be considered no longer a claimant on the funds of this conference.

Collections.—Ordered, That the following, from Discipline, page 187, be published in the Minutes:

“Every preacher who has charge of a circuit, shall earnestly recommend to every class or society in his circuit, to raise a quarterly or annual collection by voluntary contribution, or in such other way or manner as he may judge most expedient from time to time; and the moneys so collected, shall be lodged with the steward or stewards of the circuit, to be brought or sent to the Annual Conference, with a regular account of the sums raised for this purpose in the class or societies respectively.”

Next conference to be held at Morgantown, Va.

OPENING REMARKS OF BISHOP MORRIS.

The Bishop introduced the business of Conference by some remarks about himself, and the pleasure it gave him to meet this body of Christian Ministers in Parkersburg.

It seems that he first preached in this place during the year 1817, forty-two years ago. As PAUL was an “Hebrew of the Hebrews,” so the Bishop could say he was a “Virginian of the Virginians”—his parents having been of Augusta and Culpeper counties, and himself born near Charleston, on the Kanawha river; on which stream his father and uncles had been among the very earliest settlers. May he long be spared to ornament and uphold the cause of CHRIST, with which he has been so honorably and successfully these many eventful years identified; and may the palm tree, which now flourishes on his head, ripen to a crown of Glory.

—Parkersburg News, April 21.

STATISTICS

OF

MEMBERS, PROBATIONERS, &C.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS:	NUMBERS.			BAP- TISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference Chapmanis.	For Missionary So- ciety.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday School Union.
MORGANTOWN DISTRICT:															
Morgantown Station,	190	3	3	1	8	1		\$7,000	1	\$1,800	\$38.00	\$523.26		\$5.00	\$5.00
Morgantown Circuit,	378	3	115	2	8	41	7	2,500				55.33			
Monongalia do	595	3	90	5	25	10	8	3,400	1	300	3.00	37.99			2.00
Brandonville do	463	9	183	3	87	17	5	5,000	1	250	8.21	48.58			9.00
Selbysport do	282	2	116	3	9	30	5	2,151				6.00			
Kingwood do	399	6	149	4	22	29	5	4,000			6.00	25.00			
Oakland do	293	1	40	2	6	28	5	2,500	1	350	1.00	11.40			
St. George do	247	1	47	1	5	89	7	2,000				10.00	\$1.00		2.00
Blacksville do	308	3	58	3	23	2	5	2,150			2.34	11.68			2.26
Evansville do	295	5	31	3	5	24	7	3,300	1	200		33.30	7.29		
Fetterman & Grafton.	343	2	63	2	13	25	4	2,500			5.62	36.68			
Palatine do	282	6	27	5	10	9	7	9,750							
Total,	4066	44	922	29	221	302	66	\$37,451	5	\$2,900	\$64.17	\$599.01	\$8.29	\$5.00	\$30.26
CLARKSBURG DISTRICT:															
Clarksburg, } Colored, }	62	2	2		1	1	1	\$ 500							
West Milford,	592	6	95	6	26	17	9	6,450	1	\$ 608	\$11.57	\$ 58.77	\$5.32	\$1.00	\$1.50
Weston,	139	2	50	3	1	12	3	1,000	1						
Weston Circuit	475	2	74	7		16	12	4,300	1	425	2.00	23.28			
Pruntytown do	402	3	56	6	30	6	7	4,500	1	300	3.24	23.00			1.00
Phillippi do	512	5	48	5	50	6	8	4,850	1	450		76.00		2.00	2.00
Webster & Simpson,	99		39	1	18	2	2	900				9.50			
Beckhamton do	186	2	7	1	1	2	3	2,000			10.09	15.00	2.50	2.50	5.00
Burnersville do	392	3	30	3	20	8	7	3,000				8.02			
Fairm't & Palatine } Colored, }	177	1	11	3	19	11	2	10,000	1	600	3.50	10.27	3.17	3.31	2.70
Marion do	499	7	47	2	31	1	7	2,700	1	400	5.50	26.50			
Lumberport do	288	3	189	3	98	24	9	4,000			2.06	23.59	1.38	1.35	1.00
Mannington do	471	6	83	3	26	3	8	4,000	1	500		10.00			2.00
Beverly & Randolph,	348	2	64	1	11	4	5	1,700	1	600		9.00			
Total,	4068	44	795	44	332	113	83	\$40,990	9	\$4,382	\$37.87	\$218.05	12.37	10.10	\$15.20
WHEELING DISTRICT:															
Wheeling, North St.	188	2	50	1	7	31	1	\$ 4,500	1	\$ 750	\$ 8.00	\$47.40		\$4.30	\$2.38
Fourth do	418	8	92	1	9	43	2	13,200				24.90	326.10	16.10	9.00
Chaplin do	227	3	26	1	3	23	1	4,000	1	1,000	13.61	190.22	\$7.54	7.54	6.16
Marshall Circuit,	234	3	21	3	8	14	4	2,700			1.00	30.00			1.26
Grave Creek do	325	5	50	1	18	15	5	3,500	1	400	8.73	52.10			
Elizabeth & Mounds- ville,	83	8	11	2		1		4,000	1	600		4.50			
Triadelphia, do	210		22	4	9	15	3	2,200	1	000		50.98			
Fish Creek, do	224	3	60	3	7	5	3	500	1	70					
Short Creek & Liberty	105	1			1	1	2	2,000	1	300	2.88	27.50		1.80	
New Martinsville,	150	2	35	4	8	14	8	2,500							
Salmon, do	108	1	5			1		800				23.35			
South Wheeling,	40	1	14			20	1	1,500				85	1.00	80	
Total,	2397	37	396	20	70	181	32	\$41,400	7	\$4,120	\$61.72	\$762.70	\$8.54	\$0.50	\$9.25

WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS:	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference Claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday School Union.	
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT:																
Mizabeth,	259	2	73	7	12	18	4	\$1,000	1	250	\$2.25	\$7.00		\$1.00	\$1.00	
Murraysville	100	5	50	3	2	1	3	1,000				2.00				
Hippley & Mill Creek,	170	2	40	6	1	5	4	800								
California,	244	1	47	6	8	8	1	100	1	200						
Williamstown,	227	3	43	5	8	9	8	300	1	500	1.25	18.25				
Harrisville,	639	1	136	16	26	16	9	4,000	1	450	3.00	19.00				
West Union,	249	6	75	2		23						9.05		\$1.00	1.11	
Middlebourne,	265	4	116	1	24	10	5	2,100	1	300						
Sistersville,	272	2	30	2	2	17	5	1,200				62.54	\$5.00			
Honville,	200	1	40	3	7	15	5	2,050				13.50				
Parkersburg, } Colored }	143	4	20	1	2	11	2	5,000	2	2,000		7.00				
	30															
Total,	2768	31	670	46	92	133	46	\$12,950	7	3,700	\$ 6.50	\$138.13	\$5.00	\$4.10	\$2.61	
CHARLESTON DISTRICT:																
Charleston, } Colored, }	82	2	8		5	11	1	\$ 6,000			\$1.75	\$18.50		Agt.		
	208															
Malden,	87		32	3	14		1	2,000								
Mountain Cove,	160	2		1	18	8	1	200				5.00				
Summersville,	251	5	84	6		44	4	1,025				10.00				
Fork Lick,	137		5	2												
Sutton,	190	3	40	1			1	400								
Elk River,	208	3	12	4		6	3	400								
Calhoun,	161		46	1	2	1	4	500								
Charleston Circuit,	180		30	4			1	100								
Buffalo,	133	6	17	3	6	17	3	1,550			2.00	9.00	\$1.00	\$1.00		
Point Pleasant,	283	4	11	1	22	37	5	6,000				3.00				
Total,	2069	25	285	26	67	124	24	\$18,175			\$3.75	\$45.50	\$1.00	\$1.00		
GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT:																
Guyandotte,	82	1	15		13	2	4	\$3,400			\$16.85	\$23.31	\$7.80		\$2.00	
Wayne,	349	2	154	4	12	9	5	2,000				12.50				
Sandy,	206		30	2	1			1	75							
Logan,	376		31	3	13	23	4	700				1.80				
Coal River,	154	4	161	3	10	11	3	250				2.00				
Fayette,	215	1	81	4	9		2	600								
Raleigh,	112	1	33	1	1	10	4	900								
Putnam,	142	1	47	1	73	2	3	3,000				20.00		\$5.00		
Hamlin,	125	1	39	2	2	3	1	200								
Monticello,	68	1	59		11	2	2	500				1.10				
Wyoming,	283	3	112	3	4	45	2	250								
Total,	2007	17	756	23	149	105	31	\$11,875			\$16.85	\$60.71	\$7.80	\$5.00	2.00	

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS:

APPOINTMENTS.	No. S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	No. Bible Classes.	Scholars in Infant Classes.	Expenses of the Schools this year.	Raised for Benevolent purposes.	S.S. Advo's & Conversions.
MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.									
Morgantown Station,	1	31	150	350	7	50	\$25.00	\$5.00	48
do Circuit,	7	45	350	300	2				12
Monongalia,	7	74	360	8011	8	91	43.25	2.00	18
Brandonville,	12	128	600	1371	4		62.19	9.00	20
Selbysport,	6	40	200	600	2	50			7
Kingwood,	9	50	300	2000					10
Oakland and Snowy Creek,	8	55	290	550	4		22.00		13
Western Ford and Dry Fork,	5	50	250	800	2		16.00	2.00	10
Blacksville,	6	70	210	930	6	90	30.00	2.26	12
Barbour,	5	92	186	500	5	80	22.00		14
Fetterman and Grafton,	3	30	100	400	4	40	30.00		11
White Day.	4	20	145	438					
Total,	73	435	3051	9065	44	401	\$250.44	\$20.26	90 95
CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.									
Clarksburg,	1	8	39	150			\$10.00		2
West Milford,	8	87	320	900	6		10.00	\$1.50	12
Weston Station,	3	25	125		15	50			24
Weston Circuit,	6	50	225	433	10				
Pruntytown,	4	32	110	100	1			1.00	
Phillippi,	13	145	605	1630	1		41.88	2.00	
Webster and Simpson,	2	10	35	150					
Buckhannon,	3	20	120	200	1			5.00	
Fairmont and Palatine,	2	24	115	520	1		2.10		20
Marion,	5	66	283	580	3		43.00		7
Lumberport,	9	82	250	495	8			1.00	18
Mannington,	8	112	374	1250	10		51.00	2.00	60
Beverly,	3	25	125	150	8	25	2.00		3
Burnersville,	6	44	183	238	5	45	10.00		8
Total,	73	730	2900	6796	69	86	\$170.48	\$12.50	80 76
WHEELING DISTRICT.									
Wheeling, Fourth Street,	1	35	450	520	7	150	\$135.00	\$9.03	225 10
do North do	3	47	350	1611	3	65	114.06	2.82	85
do Chapline do	1	27	175	1200	5	65	15.00	6.75	125
South Wheeling,	1	15	95	300	2	16	33.60		20
Salem X Roads,	1	12	50	100	2	2			
Marshall,	4	47	170	800	4			1.36	10
Triadelphia,	3	32	145	275	14		30.00		2
Short Creek and Liberty,	2	16	125	225	2		18.00		20
Elizabethtown and Moundsville,	1	16	60	328	30	17			
Grave Creek,	9	58	270	1260	20	25	25.00		12 10
New Martinsville,	1	20	60	300	1				15
Fish Creek,	3	21	58	210	3		1.50		16 1
Total,	30	345	2008	7129	93	340	\$372.16	\$19.96	513 38
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.									
Parkersburg,	1	12	75	100					
Elizabeth,	9	65	270	886	9	74	\$13.63	\$1.00	8
Murrayville,	4	16	150	300	8	75	10.00		3
Ripley and Mill Creek,	1	6	45	100	1	10			
California,	1	8	30	25	2	12			
Williamstown,	5	30	250	396	5	30	9.36		13 2
Harrisville,	7	56	500	1000	7		21.00		
West Union,	5	49	102	638	5	31	28.00	1.61	4
Middlebourne,	2	20	60	100	2				6
Sistersville,	1	8	30	300			3.00		16 1
Glenville,	4	27	80	320	4				
Total,	40	297	1652	4065	43	232	\$84.99	\$2.61	32 21

APPOINTMENTS:

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

Charleston Station,
Malden,
Mountain Cove,
Summersville,
Calhoun,
Charleston Circuit,
Buffalo,
Point Pleasant,
Fork Lick,
Sutton,
Mik River,

Total,

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.

Guyandotte and Catlettsburg,
Wayne,
Sandy,
Rabigh,
Putnam,
Hamlin,
Monticello,
Wyoming,
Logan,
Coal River,
Fayette,

Total,

	No. S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	No. Bible Classes.	Scholars in Infant Classes.	Expenses of the Schools this year.	Raised for Benev't purposes.	S.S. Adv'ts taken.	Conversions.
1	16	70	170	1			\$10.00		34	
2	12	60	250	2	30				20	
1	6	130	150	2	12		4.40			
5	22	105	200							6
5	20	75	40							
4	31	147	350				10.00	\$1.00	3	1
4	40	200	400						75	
Total,	22	147	787	1560	5	42	\$24.40	\$1.00	132	7
1	12	50	118				\$10.00	\$2.00	24	1
3	20	90	230		30		8.50			
2	22	900	300	2	80					10
3	24	150	250	1	30		5.00			
3	24	80	100						4	6
3	24	85	200						3	6
2	16	30	100	2						
1	6	50	150	1						
Total,	16	148	625	1435	6	140	\$23.50	\$2.00	31	23

RECAPITULATION:

DISTRICTS.

Morgantown District,
Clarksburg District,
Wheeling District,
Parkersburg District,
Charleston District,
Guyandotte District.

Total,
Total last year,

Increase,
Decrease,

	No. S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	No. Bible Classes.	Scholars in Infant Classes.	Expenses of the Schools this year.	Raised for Benev't purposes.	S.S. Adv'ts taken.	Conversions.
73	495	3051	16250	44	401		\$250.44	\$20.26	90	95
73	730	2900	6796	69	86		17.04	12.50	80	76
30	345	2008	7129	93	340		372.16	19.96	313	38
40	297	1652	4165	43	232		84.99	2.61	32	21
22	147	787	1560	5	42		24.50	1.00	132	7
18	148	1435	1448	6	140		23.50	2.00	31	23
Total,	256	2162	11833	37348	260	1241	\$772.63	\$58.33	878	260
Total last year,	201	1785	8950	24576	177	1805	\$1108.27	\$55.75	719	440
Increase,	55	377	12772	5087	83		\$335.04	\$2.48	162	
Decrease,						504				180

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT:

STATIONS.	PREACHERS.	Children		Quar- terage.	Table Expen's.	Rent.	Total.	Receipts.	Deficiencies.	Conference Col- lections.	Traveling Expenses.
		Under 7	Over 7								
MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.											
Morgantown District.	G. Martin, P. E.	2	3	304	288	86.66	678.66	622.76	55.90		21.39
Morgantown Station.	J. Drummond,			200	225	P	425.00	425.00		38.00	13.55
Morgantown Circuit.	J. J. Doliver,	2		232	100		332.00	272.12	59.88		12.00
Morgantown Circuit.	H. D. Rice,			100			100.00	81.44	18.56		1.24
Monongalia,	R. M. Wallace,	1	2	264	125	P	389.00	335.46	53.54	3.00	16.75
Monongalia,	E. Ford,			100			100.00	88.70	11.30		12.00
Brandonville,	F. Ball,	1		216	125		341.00	331.85	9.15	8.21	26.00
Brandonville,	J. Sharp,			100			100.00	97.76	2.24		
Selbysport,	W. H. Carroll,	1		216	125	35.00	376.00	282.00	94.00		30.00
Selbysport,	J. Carroll,			100			100.00	75.47	24.53		
Kingwood,	S. King,	2		232	150	00.00	432.00	366.00	66.00	6.72	14.00
Kingwood,	E. S. Wilson,			100		P	100.00	74.83	25.17		9.00
Oak'd & Snowy Cr.	D. O. Steward,	1	2	264	200		464.00	455.32	8.68	1.00	16.00
Western Ford,	H. Stevens,	1		216	100		316.00	265.57	50.43	1.00	30.90
Blacksville,	D. H. R. Dix,	1		216	70	30.00	316.00	226.24	59.76	2.35	14.00
Blacksville,	F. Rogers,										
Barbour,	W. L. Hindman,	1	1	240	100	P	340.00	340.00			15.00
Vetterman & Grafton	T. H. Trainer.	2	3	304	160	25.00	489.00	462.60	26.40	5.62	12.00
Whiteday.	Levi Park.	3		248	75	20.00	343.00	231.31	142.69		
Total,		18	11	3652	1943	235.66	5352.66	4784.42	378.23	65.90	243.70
CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.											
Clarksburg District.	G. Battelle, P. E.,	2	3	304	300	60.00	664.00	643.75	20.25		32.00
Clarksburg Station.	J. Hare,			100	100		200.00	200.00			13.10
West Milford Circuit.	Benjamin Ison,	2		232	150	P	382.00	382.00		11.67	36.77
West Milford Circuit.	W. C. Wilson,						100.00	100.00			10.00
Weston,	H. C. Sandford,			100			100.00	100.00			10.00
Weston Circuit.	J. W. Snodgrass,	2		248	125	P	373.00	333.56	39.44	2.00	37.50
Weston Circuit.	N. Potts,			50			45.00	45.10	4.90		
Prantytown,	J. W. Webb,	2		232	125	P	357.00	357.00			23.00
Prantytown,	E. H. J. King,			100			100.00	100.00			
Phillippi,	A. Hall,	1		216	110	P	326.00	255.16	55.84		15.00
Phillippi,	J. Reeves,			100			100.00	82.42	17.58		10.00
Webster & Simpson.	A. C. Rider,										
Buckhannon,	J. B. Blakeney,			200	125	60.00	385.00	302.19	82.81	10.00	20.00
Burnsville,	R. L. Brooks,	1		224	100	10.00	334.00	262.83	70.17		21.07
Burnsville,	John Cook,			100			100.00	72.10	27.90		4.00
Fairmont & Palatine.	G. W. Arnold,	1	3	288	152	P	440.00	381.11	58.89	3.50	10.00
Marion,	C. Conner,	1	2	264	150	P	414.00	370.34	43.66	5.80	34.90
Marion,	A. B. Rohrbaugh,			100			100.00	96.83	3.17		3.25
Lumberport,	J. Knotts,	1		216	113	25.00	354.00	280.04	72.96	2.06	12.00
Lumberport,	G. Martin,			50			50.00	50.00			
Mannington,	M. Allen,			200	125		325.00	325.00			19.76
Beverly,	A. Bower,	3		248	100	P	348.00	289.00	59.00		20.00
Tract Agent,	J. Williams,										
Allegheny College,	A. Martin.										
Total,		13	11	3692	1775	155.00	5598.00	5017.42	585.57	36.93	322.38
WHEELING DISTRICT.											
Wheeling District.	M. Titchnell, P. E.			200	190	60.00	450.00	420.91	69.09		50.00
Fourth Street,	J. E. Wilson,	1		224	576	200.00	1000.00	1140.00		24.10	12.00
North Street,	A. A. Reger,	2	1	264	227	84.00	575.00	575.00		8.00	10.00
Charlin Street,	T. H. Monroe,	1	4	312	338	P	650.00	650.00		13.61	10.00
South Wheeling,	J. J. Hall,			100			100.00	60.00	40.00		
Salem Cross Roads,	G. W. Richmond,			125			125.00	100.00	25.00		
Marshall,	S. R. Dawson,	2	1	156	169	50.00	375.10	319.66	56.34	1.00	11.00
Marshall,	J. W. Warden,	1		75			75.00	68.41	6.59		
Triadelphia,	R. Arthur,	3		248	286		534.00	532.00			16.00
Short Creek Liberty.	A. Stevens,			260	120		320.00	277.00	43.00	2.85	5.00
Moundsville,	S. R. Griffith,	1		216	122		358.00	288.00	50.00		
Grave Creek,	J. L. Irwin,			270	220		490.00	328.86	161.14	8.73	10.00
Grave Creek,	J. B. Ford,	2	2	75			75.00	57.00	18.00		
New Martinsville,	W. C. Williamson,	1		216	184		400.00	217.00	183.00		6.00
Fi h Creek,	W. H. Willey	1		100			100.00	86.00	14.00		
W. Fourth Street.	J. Hare.						53.16	53.16			
Total,		13	9	2781	2432	394.00	5760.20	5185.00	566.16	58.89	130.00

STATIONS.	PREACHERS.	Children.		Quar- terage.	Table Expen- s ^s .	Rent.	Total.	Receipts.	Deficiencies.	Conference Col- lections.	Ex- Traveling penses.
		Under 7.	Over 7.								
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.											
Parkersburg Dist.	A J Lyda, P E,	1		216	254	100	370 00	481 77	88 23		20 00
Parkersburg Station,	W Smith,		4	296	150	P	446 00	446 00			26 00
Elizabeth,	J M Powell,	2		232	120	P	352 00	291 39	72 61	2 25	12 00
Murraysville,	J W W Bolton,			100			100 00	100 00			30 62
Ripley & Mill Creek,	J H Temple,		2	200	70	29	290 00	208 00	82 00		22 00
California,	S E Steel,		2	232	70	P	302 00	240 29	61 71		3 15
Williamstown,	D O Carmack,	1		215	90	P	306 00	285 00	21 00	1 25	20 45
Harrisville,	S Steel,	1		216	131	P	347 17	347 17		3 80	24 18
do	T Hughes,			100			100 00	100 00			5 55
West Union,	C King,			100			100 00	100 00			13 60
do	E Riddle,			100			100 00	100 00			4 75
Middlebourne,	R Brooks,			200	100	P	300 00	273 00	27 00		16 00
Sistersville,	R L Woodyard,	1		216	140	30	386 00	324 31	61 69		17 23
Garfield,	J Branch,	3		248	75	25	348 00	280 92	67 08		9 00
Total.											
CHARLESTON DISTRICT.		12	5	2672	1200	175	4045 17	3577 85	481 32	7 30	222 56
Charleston District,	J L Clark, P E.,	1		216	274	110	600 00	575 00	925 00		15 00
Charleston Station,	J S Patterson,	2	2	280	170		450 00	410 00	40 00	1 75	
Malden,	V Sanford,			100				100 00			1 00
Mountain Cove,	W H Shaw,		2	200	50	5	255 00	127 78	134 22		20 00
Summersville,	S Jones,	1	3	288	93		381 00	261 35	119 64		
Fork Lick,	J B Coban,			100			100 00	85 63	14 37		7 50
Sutton,	J B Pinchen,			100			100 00	21 00	79 00		4 00
Elk River,				100			100 00	100 00			
Calhoun,				44			44 00				10 00
Charleston,	L H Dorsey,			50			50 00	18 15	32 15		
do	Daniel Cool,			100			100 00	94 32	5 68	2 00	3 51
Buffalo,	P Green,			264	175	72	511 00	386 67	124 33		10 00
Point Pleasant,	J M Phelps,			100				70 00	30 00		10 00
do	U Pribble,			100							
Total.											
GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.		3	6	1942	732	187	2197 00	2159 90	704 39	3 75	81 01
Guyandotte District,	J W Reger, P E,	2	1	256	219	125	600 00	439 06	161 04		20 00
Guyandotte Station,	J N O'Flynn,			100	100		200 00	176 50	23 50	16 85	10 00
Wayne,	R Northercraft,			100			100 00	71 62	28 37		10 00
Wayne,	E C Wayman,			100			100 00	71 37	28 62		12 00
Sandy,	T C Hatfield,			156			156 00	65 00	90 00		8 00
Logan,	R Hagar,			264	80		344 00	220 00	125 00		10 00
Coal River,	B Darlington,			240			240 00	130 00	110 00		10 00
Payette,	A W Gregg,			100			100 00	62 22	37 78		
Raleigh,	P Vandervort,			100			100 00	75 00	25 00		5 00
Putnam,	J Garner,			100			100 00	100 00			5 00
Hamlin,	A R Crislip,			200	65		235 00	71 57	193 43		8 00
Monticello,	J B Feather,			216	100	37	353 00	161 20	191 80		20 00
Wyoming,	R Hagar,	2	4	248	80		328 00	201 25	126 75		10 00
Total.											
		2	3	2180	644	162	2886 00	1854 59	\$11 21	16 85	118 00

REPORTS:

REPORT OF THE STEWARDS OF THE WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

The claims, receipts and deficiencies are as nearly as could be ascertained as follows:

Whole claims,	\$25,779 09
Receipts,	22,799 20

Deficiency,	\$ 2,979 89
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To Question 15, Page 36 of Discipline, "what has been collected on the foregoing accounts," and how has it been applied.

ANSWER.

Conference and necessitous money,	\$187 50	Centenary fund,	157 00
Draft on chartered fund,	25 00	Total	\$369 50

The stewards have added the necessitous money to the Conference Collections, and applied the whole as follows:

John Branch,	\$10 00	J. L. Clark,	20 00
B. Darlington,	20 00	W. H. Shaw,	20 00
Thomas C. Hatfield,	25 00	Samuel Jones,	15 00
Francis Guthrie,	30 00	Benj. Hager,	20 00
Widow Summers,	10 00	R. Hager,	10 00
J. B. Feather,	25 00	William E. Williamson,	10 00
A. Dixon,	25 00	R. S. Woodyard,	15 00
John Pincheon,	29 50	Bro. Freeland's Children,	17 25
A. R. Crislip,	10 00	Stationary,	2 75
J. M. Phelps,	10 00		
Levi Park,	25 00	Total	\$369 50
J. S. Temple,	20 00		

To the Widow Summers has been appropriated forty dollars, the amount arising from the sale of Dr. Drummond's Conference Sermon; making the whole amount given to the widow Summers, fifty dollars.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS H. TRAINER, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee is gratified to learn from the statistics furnished, that there is an increase of 64 schools, 536 officers and teachers, 1,876 scholars, 5,087 volumes in library, 26 bible classes. \$19.82 expenses of schools, \$14.47 for S. S. Union, and 158 Advocates; a decrease only in two departments, viz: 535 scholars in infant classes, and 180 conversions. While we rejoice at this prosperity, we regret that so little has been done to promote so good a cause. There are five charges which have no Sunday schools, and forty nine which reported nothing for the Sunday School Union. Your Committee respectfully submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we regret the meagerness of our contributions, and will make efforts greatly to increase them

during the ensuing year, by taking up collections in all our charges.

Resolved, That we call special attention to that part of our discipline which makes it "the special duty of Preachers having charge of Circuits and Stations, with the aid of the other Preachers, to form Sabbath Schools in all our congregations, when ten children can be collected for that purpose," and that we will endeavor to present this suggestion during the winter.

Resolved, That the publications of our own Union, in doctrinal purity, beauty and cheapness are preferable to any others in the country; and we therefore recommend our people to select books from our own catalogue to supply the schools within our bounds.

Resolved, That we will endeavor to increase the circulation of the Sunday School Advocate.

A. HALL,
J. M. PHELPS,
F. BALL.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee feel that it would seem egotistical in them to say aught to this body, of the importance of *that cause*, which has for its object the general circulation of *that book*, around which cluster the holiest memories of the past, the joys of the present, and the hopes of the future, which gilds life and reveals immortality. We feel, it however, our duty to call attention to the meager collections for this cause. It can but be a subject of regret that with a membership of over twenty-one thousand, we report but fifty-six dollars and eighty-five cents collected, for the object we all profess to regard as of such vital importance. We fear the paucity of this collection is to a great extent owing to negligence on our part, as out of seventy charges, but fifteen have reported; yet, we feel persuaded, with but few exceptions, they would respond were the opportunity afforded. Humbly trusting the future may to some extent redeem the past, we submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st, That we approve the course of the "American Bible Society," in returning to their former standard edition of the Holy Scriptures.

Resolved, 2d, That while we deprecate everything like Sectarian rivalry in prosecuting this enterprise, we are pleased with the assurance of the society's officers that as fast vacancies occur in that body, they will, so far as practicable, be filled in such a manner that the different patronizing denominations shall be properly and fully represented.

Resolved, 3d, That we recommend all our brethren to procure, and read the "Bible Record," published as the Organ of the Society.

Resolved, 4th, That we will strive during the coming Conference year, to attend more punctually to the Bible collection; remembering while we vow "to pay our vows unto the Lord."

J. M. O'FLING,

J. M. POWELL,

V. SANFORD.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee are glad to be able to report that the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate, is in a healthy and flourishing condition. Its assets being \$1,379 69 more than its liabilities. There has also been during the past year, an encouraging increase in the number of its subscribers.— Having entire confidence in the ability and integrity of its present editor, we cordially recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we will continue our efforts to increase the circulation of the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate, in our several fields of labor.

Your committee having also considered the propriety of patronizing the Baltimore Christian Advocate, (the object of which is to maintain the Discipline *as it is*, which is the ground taken by this Conference,) deem it improper to take any step that will affect, or control the action of our brethren touching its circulation. We recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we will continue to exercise, as individuals, our discretion touching the patronage of the Baltimore Christian Advocate.

H. STEPHENS,

J. W. WEBB,

J. M. PHELPS,

J. L. IRWIN,

JAS. B. FEATHER,

R. L. WOODYARD.

RÉPORT ON THE TRACT CAUSE.

The Committee on the Tract cause present the following as their report:

Whereas, the general diffusion of religious knowledge through the medium of cheap publications, in the form of books and tracts, is the peculiar want of the age. Therefore,

Resolved, That we will take up collections in our several charges as directed by our discipline to aid in the tract cause.

J. W. SNODGRASS,
JOHN GARNER,
SAMUEL JONES.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to declare, that whilst their convictions of the great evil of intemperance remain unshaken, the cause of temperance, as hitherto, commands their firm and hearty approval.

The Committee would therefore, recommend that the Preachers deliver discourses on the subject of Temperance, and make every laudable effort to promote its advancement during the Conference year.

J. L. IRWIN,
B. ISON,
R. BROOKS,
A. A. REGER,
F. BALL:

MORGANTOWN FEMALE SEMINARY.

This Seminary during the past year has been in a more prosperous condition than at any former period. Actuated by a commendable zeal and liberality in the cause of education, the Trustees have at considerable expense, made an addition to the building. The associate principals, Rev. A. S. Hank, A. M. and J. B. Hank, A. M. M. D., have shown that they are well qualified for their position; the annual examination was satisfactory to the friends of the institution, and the number of pupils has been increased. This is the only Female Seminary in the bounds of the Conference, that solicits our favor and assistance. The pupils who are sent to it from abroad board in the Seminary, and are thus placed at all times under the immediate supervision of the Principal. Morgantown has long sustained an enviable reputation for intelligence, morality and refinement. And in view of all these facts, your committee submit the following resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That we will gladly circulate the Annual Catalogue of the institution, whenever it shall be published.

2. *Resolved*, That we will endeavor to increase the number of pupils, by calling the attention of those who have daughters to educate, to the great advantages offered by this institution, which is located in our midst and which is worthy of our patronage.

3. *Resolved*, That J. B. Blakeney, the P. E. of Clarksburg District, and Preacher of Clarksburg Station, be a Committee to attend the Annual Examination and to report thereon, through the Pittsburg Christian Advocate.

J. DRUMMOND, *Chairman*.

REPORT ON ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

In view of the very gratifying intelligence communicated in the Annual Report of the Board of Trustees, touching the wide spread influence and general prosperity of Allegheny College, and the fact that the articles of convention between the trustees and the patronizing Conferences, which were prepared by the Conference at its last Annual Session, have been accepted or "ratified" by the trustees without a dissenting voice. Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That with increased confidence, we do most heartily recommend Allegheny College to the patronage of all our members, and the public generally.

2. *Resolved*, That Dr. Drummond, S. R. Dawson, W. T. Willey and C. D. Hubbard, be a Committee to act in behalf of this Conference in all the affairs of the College for the coming year.

3. *Resolved*, That G. Battelle, M. Titchenell and J. S. Patterson, be a Committee to attend the examinations.

FAIRMONT MALE AND FEMALE SEMINARY.

This institution, under the direction of Rev. W. R. White, A. M., who is well qualified for his position, is unquestionably rising in importance, and its advantages are now more highly prized by the community than at any former period; we advise the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved, That we recommend the Fairmont Male and Female Seminary to our people and the public as an institution worthy of their patronage, and we earnestly entreat all our friends to do what they can to relieve the institution from its pecuniary embarrassments.

2. *Resolved*, That if the Bishop and Presiding Elders deem it impracticable or inexpedient to appoint an agent, we recommend, that the Preacher in charge of Fairmont for the coming year, be authorized to act as agent.

3. *Resolved*, That the Preachers in Fairmont, Palatine and Marion Circuits, be a Committee to attend the examinations of the Seminary for the coming year.

NORTH WESTERN VIRGINIA ACADEMY.

Touching this Academy, your committee have no information beyond that which has already been communicated to the Conference. We offer for adoption the following resolution.

That Gorden Battelle, the P.E. of Clarksburg District and Preacher in charge of Clarksburg Station, be a Committee to act in behalf of this Conference, in procuring the services of a Principal for the Academy.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES FOR 1860.

First Year—J. W. Snodgrass, H. Stevens and J. Garner.

Second Year—J. L. Clark, R. L. Brooks and B. Ison.

Third Year—G. W. Arnold, S. Steele and A. Stevens.

Fourth Year—J. W. Reger, R. A. Arthur and J. B. Blakeney.

To Examine Local Preachers to Deacon's Orders—J. W. Webb, J. B. Feather.

To Examine Local Deacons for Elder's Orders—Wesley Smith and S. King.

To Preach the Annual Missionary Sermon—J. S. Patterson, Alternate A. Hall.

To Preach Conference Sermon at next Session—R. A. Arthur.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

Morgantown District—F. Ball and William Lazier.

Wheeling District—S. R. Dawson and A. M. Adams.

Clarksburg District—T. H. Trainer and S. Woods.

Parkersburg—J. S. Hall and W. R. Kelly.

Charleston District—S. Jones and E. W. Newton.

Guyandotte District—R. Northcraft and J. B. Bowen.

RESOLUTIONS:

WHEREAS, it is the duty of every person who is to be examined on the Course of Study for Probationers and traveling Deacons, to be present on the first day of our Annual Session,

Resolved, That hereafter, such of them as are not present at the proper time, shall be required to give to the Conference, before their examination by a Committee, a satisfactory reason for their absence.

J. DRUMMOND,
J. E. WILSON.

Resolved, That the following be the form of the Recording stewards' certificate for this Conference; and that the same be published in our minutes:

This is to certify that the claims and receipts of A. B. _____ Circuit, for the Conference year ending _____ are

as follows:

Quartermage for self and wife,	- - - - -	\$
For Children over seven,	- - - - -	
For Children under seven,	- - - - -	
Table expenses and fuel,	- - - - -	
House rent,	- - - - -	

Total	- - - - -	\$
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Deficiency,	- - - - -	
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Travelling expenses \$ _____ paid,

C. D., Recording Steward.

G. MARTIN,

J. B. BLAKENEY.

The Committee to whom was referred the New Martinsville Church case, present the following report. From the information we have received, we are satisfied that the condition of the church is an embarrassing one, and that it is highly important that such action be had by this Conference as shall extend relief to it. For particulars, your Committee refer the Conference to Bro. Titchenell. After careful deliberation, we have ventured to recommend for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That a collection be now lifted in the Conference and Congregation for the benefit of said Church, and the amount so raised, be placed in the hands of the Preachers appointed to New Martinsville Circuit.

J. J. DOLLIVER.

Resolved, that the Bishops be respectfully requested not to make any transfers to this Conference, hereafter, for the purpose of filling any special appointment, unless the consent of the Conference be first obtained.

J. HARE,
BENJAMIN ISON,
J. W. SNODGRASS,
J. B. BLAKENEY,
J. W. WEBB,
D. O. STUART,
W. R. HOWE.

Resolved, That this Conference recommend the young men on trial to remain unmarried, until they graduate to Elder's orders.

J. WESLEY WEBB,
WESLEY SMITH.

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE CIRCULAR.

Proposed change of General Rule.

The Western Virginia Conference, of the M. E. Church, believing that the amendment proposed by the Cincinnati Conference to the General Rule on Slavery is unauthorized by apostolic practice; that it would involve a wide departure from the policy of the Church, hitherto, as manifested down to even recent periods, in the successive formation of new Conferences on the border without an intention of any such change of rule; that it is in conflict with the whole past history of Methodism, both English and American; that the Church throughout the entire territory where the proposed rule would have any application, is unitedly and decidedly opposed to its enactment; that the proposed rule is needless and therefore hurtful, threatening to other sections of our Zion, as well as our own, a harvest of profitless questions and distractions; and regarding, as did our fathers, the present General Rule in the Discipline, as prohibiting all traffic in slaves except for merciful purposes, therefore, it is unanimously,

1st, *Resolved*, That we non-concur in the amendment proposed by the Cincinnati Conference, to the General Rule on Slavery.

2d, *Resolved*, That the above Preamble and Resolution, be published in the Pittsburg and Baltimore Christian Advocates, and in our Conference minutes.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Resolved, That our sincere thanks are due and they are hereby tendered to the citizens of Parkersburg and vicinity, for the kindness and hospitality which they have shown us during this session of our Conference.

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the Christian courtesy of those Pastors and Congregations of other denominations, whose Pulpits we have been permitted to use during our Annual Session.

Resolved, That our sincere thanks be and they are hereby tendered to Mr. Charles Rhoads, for his courtesy and liberality in furnishing us daily copies of the Parkersburg News Extra, containing the proceedings of this body.

Resolved, That we hereby tender our thanks to the Baltimore & Ohio and Northwestern Virginia Railroad Companies, and Captains of Steamboats, for reducing the fare of members of this body.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference, be and they are hereby tendered to the Editor of the Parkersburg

News, for his courtesy in publishing the proceedings of the Conference in his paper.

WESLEY SMITH,
W. L. HINDMAN,

Parkersburg, Va., April 25, 1859.

TO AUTHORIZE SALE OF FRAME CHURCH AND PARSONAGE IN PARKERSBURG, VA.

WHEREAS, there is a debt remaining on the Frame Church, on Littleton Street, in the town of Parkersburg, Virginia, and also on the Parsonage on Washington Street, in said town, all of which property belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and whereas, one of the Trustees of said property, notified the Preacher of said debts, according to the provisions of the Discipline, and he having not raised means to liquidate said debts, therefore,

Resolved, That the Trustees of said Church and Parsonage, be and they are hereby authorized to sell said property, and after paying the aforesaid debts, appropriate the balance of the money in repairing or rebuilding the brick Church.

WESLEY SMITH,
A. J. LYDA.

Parkersburg, Va., April 25, 1859.

FINANCIAL PLAN ADOPTED BY THE WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

PART I.

1. A meeting of the Stewards and Preacher or Preachers, in each circuit or station, shall be held on the third Saturday after the close of each Annual Conference; the place of holding the meeting to be designated by the last quarterly Conference of the year.

2. It shall be the duty of the Stewards at this meeting to make an estimate of the amount necessary to furnish house rent, fuel and table expenses, for the families of the Preacher or Preachers appointed to labor for them; the claim for quarterage shall then be added to the above estimate; and it shall be the duty of this meeting to divide the whole amount among the several classes of the circuit or station, according to their number, circumstances and privileges.

3. It shall be the duty of this meeting to district the circuit or station among the Stewards, giving each his proportion of the classes to attend during the year.

4. It shall be the duty of each Steward, as soon as the esti-

mate shall have been made, to inform each class within his district of the amount apportioned to them; whereupon each class shall appoint a Committee of their own number, consisting of five members, including the leaders and Stewards of the class, who shall, as soon thereafter as practicable, assign to each member of the class the amount which in the judgment of said Committee, each member ought, according to his or her respective ability, to pay quarterly for the support of the gospel in the circuit or station, so that the entire sum apportioned by the Steward to that class shall be provided for, which amount so ascertained shall be read to the class at the next regular meeting of the class.

5. It shall be the duty of each Leader or class Steward to see that this amount is regularly collected, and placed in the hands of the Stewards or Preachers weekly or quarterly.

6. It shall be the duty of the Stewards to circulate a subscription paper, for the support of the Gospel, at all the appointments where it may be deemed expedient, among those persons who are not members of the Church, but are in the habit of attending upon our ministry.

7. It shall be the duty of each Presiding Elder, in every quarterly Conference of his district, to have the name of each Leader called by the Secretary, and at the same time report the apportionment of his class, the amount received, and the deficiency, if any. To enquire if there be any of our members who refuse to contribute to the support of the Gospel; and, if any, their reasons for thus refusing.—If their excuses are not satisfactory, it shall be the duty of the Steward of that district of the circuit or station, or the Preacher in charge, to visit them and try to convince them of the great evil that must result from such a principle, if carried out.

8. It shall be the duty of the Stewards, at every quarterly meeting, to make report to all the members present of the state of the finances of the circuit or station—stating the amount received, and the deficiency, if any, of each class.

9. It shall be the duty of the Leader of every class that may be reported deficient, to inform his class immediately after the quarterly meeting, of the amount of their deficiencies, individually.

10. Each Presiding Elder is respectfully requested to inform this Conference, when he represents his district, whether this financial system has been attended to in all his charges.

11. The Presiding Elders are required, at the first quar-

terly meeting of this year in each circuit and station, to bring the subject before the Conference, that the Stewards may be confirmed as the estimating committee provided for in the Discipline.

12. The last quarterly Conference of this year is requested to appoint the Stewards an estimating Committee for the ensuing year, in conformity with the Discipline and this plan.

PART II.—CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

The Board of Conference Stewards shall hereafter be constituted by the appointment of one *preacher* and one *layman*, with an alternate, from each Presiding Elder's district, in the following manner: The former by nomination and election as heretofore; the latter by a majority of its votes cast in his favor at the annual meeting of the district Stewards. Each lay Steward thus elected shall receive a certificate of his election, signed by the President and Secretary of the meeting. He shall have a home provided for him at the seat of Conference, with the privilege of sitting within the bar, and of participating in the discussion of any question of finance that may be brought before the Conference. And the said delegates shall continue to represent officially their respective districts in the Board of Stewards until their successors shall be appointed.

The Joint Board thus constituted shall receive and distribute the funds under the direction of the Conference.— They shall estimate at each Annual Session the sum which will probably be necessary to meet the claims of the superannuated Preachers, Widows and Orphans for the year next ensuing, and equitably apportion the same to the districts which they severally represent, according to their respective ability. Each Presiding Elder shall call together annually the district Stewards, who shall distribute the amount aforesaid among the circuits and stations within his bounds. And if for any reason no such meeting be held, he shall, with the assistance of the Conference Stewards, make the distribution upon the basis of his own claim.

The quarterly Conferences are respectively requested to adopt such measures as may be effective in raising the amounts set off to their respective charges.

MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Western Virginia Conference Missionary Society, was held in Parkersburg, April 23, 1859.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Rev. A. Arthur, and the preachers were called on for their annual subscriptions. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That no motion for Life Membership shall be offered.

The following brethren were elected officers for the ensuing year:

G. MARTIN, *President*.

J. S. PATTERSON, *Vice President*.

J. WEBB, *Secretary*.

After which religious exercises were conducted by Rev. S. Brockunier, of the Pittsburg Conference. The society was then addressed by Prof. A. Martin, Prof. A. S. Hank, A. Poe, and James Porter, D. D.

Brother Feilder Israel, of Baltimore Conference, paid five dollars to constitute Bro. Henry Logan, a Life Member of the Conference Missionary Society.

Brother N. Goff, paid five dollars to constitute M. S. Evans, a Life Member of the Conference Missionary Society.

Prof. Hunter, through Prof. Martin, paid \$5.00 to constitute Chas. Rhoads, Editor of the Parkersburg *News*, a Life Member of the Conference Missionary Society.

Brother Martin paid five dollars to constitute Rev. Jas. H. Lepps, a Life Member of the Missionary Society.

Brother H. Stevens, paid five dollars to constitute the United States Hotel in Parkersburg, a Life Member of the Conference Missionary Society.

Amount raised by the Anniversary,	\$140.00
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Amount raised by the Circuits,	1899.66
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Total	<u>\$2,039.66</u>
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Missionary Report of Fetterman and Grafton (Circuit, Morgantown District—Haymand Appointment) to constitute Abraham Wilson and Mrs. Maria Means, Life Member of Western Virginia. Conference Missionary Society, pays,

\$10.00

The Fetterman Appointment—To constitute Miss Rebecca Robinson, Life Members of Western Virginia Conference Missionary Society, pays,

\$10.00

Grafton Appointment—To constitute Mrs. Jane M. Trainer, Life Member of Western Virginia Conference Missionary Society, pays

\$5.00

Short Creek and Liberty

Samuel McCullough,	\$3.00
Rebecca McCullough,	2 00
Josiah Morgan,	1 00
Edward Morgan,	1 00
Jessee Wells,	1 00
Joseph McCullough,	1 00
Joseph Morgan,	50
Barbary Durbin,	50
Sarah McCullough,	50
George Sawtell,	50
Margaret Morgan,	50
Mary Hedges,	50
Wm. Curtis,	1 00
Eliza Sawtell,	50
Rebecca J. McCullough,	50
Tabitha McCullough,	50
Daniel Harris,	1 00
W. B. Hough,	50
J. W. McCullough,	50
Samuel L. Sawtell,	50
Henry C. Sawtell,	50
Otho Hedges,	2 00
John Rodgers,	1 00
Joseph C. Hedges,	50
Geo. W. Curtis,	2 50
William L. Glibreath,	1 00
Sundries,	3 00
Total,	27 50

Tridelpia Circuit.

Missionary Collection at Salem, to be appropriated to Foreign Missions, T. J. Steel paid \$5 00 to make Mrs. Jane Steel a Life Member of W Va. Con. M. Society. to make Joseph Richmond, Jr., a life member of same Society Isaac Richmond paid \$5 00.

G. L. C. Canon,

Wesley Canon,

Cook Canon,

J. Trussel,

Wesley Stull,

J. Blake,

D. Todd,

S. Wallace,

James McCullus,

James Wilson,

Alexander Spilman,

D. Steel,

Thos. Ruth,

James Kelly,

Joseph Richmond, Sr.

Margaret Dinsmore,

Jane Steel,

Isabell Taylor,

All sums under fifty cents,

Total,

Pruntytown Circuit.

William V. Smith,	\$3 00
Solomon Holland,	1 00
Samuel Steele,	50
— Harnerman,	50
George Higginbotham,	50
A. G. Moore,	50
S. A. Morris,	50
Matilda Storel,	50
Samuel Good,	2 00
Lemuel Jarvis,	1 00
J. M. Webb,	1 00
John Koon,	1 00
J. B. Riter,	50
W. H. Brown,	50
A. Riter,	50
Thomas Koon,	50
Nancy Rector,	50
Mrs. Virginia Hansbrough,	1 00
Mrs. N. E. Martin,	1 00
Sundries,	6 00
Total	\$23 00

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

Lumberport Circuit.

Miss Mary E. Wood,	Collector.
Mrs. Rebecca Knotts,	\$1 00
James Horner,	1 00
John W. Harden,	1 00
William Hood,	50
A. J. Stairn,	50
Sundries,	3 30
Total	\$7 30
Miss Harriett Swentzel,	Collector.
John W. Hurst,	50
James S. Jults,	50
James M. Plant,	50
Shade Hurst,	50
Joseph Miller,	50
Joseph D. Robinson,	50
Elijah Laines,	50
Conrad H. Ask,	50
Sundries,	1 35
Total	\$5 35

Miss Margaret Jane Bowman,	Collector,
Jacob Bowman,	\$ 50
Sundries,	50
Total	1 75

Miss Sarah Bagges,	Collector.
Truman Elliott,	\$ 50
Miss Sarah Harden,	50
William Chalpent,	50
Sundries,	1 94
Total	3 44

Amon Swiger, Collector,	\$ 50
James M. Asheroft,	50
William H. H. Swiger,	1 00
Joseph Webb,	50
Miss Julia Ann Swiger,	50
Jeremiah Swiger,	1 00
Sundries,	75
Total	\$4 75

Miss Mary Martin,	Collector
Joseph N. Hess,	\$ 50
Felix S. Martin,	50
Sundries,	1 00
Sum total	\$23 00

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT:

Guyandotte & Catlettsburg Circuit.

CATLETTSBURG CLASS.

D. W. Eba, Collector,	\$1 00
Samuel Journey,	1 00
J. McCoy,	50
William Foster,	50
Mrs. C. L. Culver,	1 00
Mrs. Richardson,	50
Mrs. Burko,	50
Mrs. Clark,	50
Miss E. Seaton,	50
Miss L. Wilkins,	50
Sundries,	4 31
Total	\$10 80

GUYANDOTTE CLASS

Miss Lyda Nessmith,	Collector.
J. M. O'Fling,	\$5 00
Miss R. Sedenger,	50
Mrs. Hilbruner,	50
Capt. Price,	50
R. P. Smith,	50
H. W. Bungardner,	50
J. Nessmith,	50
Mary L. Smith,	1 00
Sundries,	3 50
Total	\$12 50

To make Rev. J. W. Reger a Life Member of Conference Society.		S. Pierce Jr.,	50
R. Northcraft,	\$1 00	S. N. Pierce,	1 00
R. D. Callihan,	1 00	William Walter, to constitute him a Life	
Mary Waldeck,	1 00	Member of the W. V. Conference Mis-	
Mary Savage,	1 00	sionary Society,	5 00
W. Frazier,	1 00	J. Walter,	50
		J. G. Baker,	50
Total	\$5 90	Sundries,	9 80
To make R. Northcraft a Life Member of Conference Society.		Isaac Marquiss,	50
Sarah Frazier,	\$1 00	Sundries,	1 50
Mary Jones,	1 00		
Mary Savage,	1 00	Total	\$33 30
William Perry,	1 00		
Mary Perry,	1 00		

Blacksville Circuit.

Total	\$5 00	On motion of Michael White, to constitute	
Making	\$10 00 for Life Members	D. H. K. Dix and lady Life Members of the	
Sundries,	2 50	Missionary Society, the following	
Total	\$12 50	sums were contributed.	

Life Members of Conference Missionary Society.		Michael White,	1 00
Ann Marie Sisson,	\$5 00	James G. White,	1 00
Isabella S. Arthur,	5 00	John White,	1 00
Sammuel Warden,	5 00	Mary White,	1 00
Thomas Thurnburg,	5 00	Rev. John Woodruff,	1 00
Mary Jane Robinson,	5 00	J. Anderson Wiley,	1 00
N. H. Garrison,	5 00	D. H. K. Dix,	1 00
Dr. A. A. Allison,	5 00	Mrs. America Dix,	1 00
Daniel Dean,	5 00	John White,	1 00
Fielding Butler,	5 00	Simon White,	75
Powell Whorton,	5 00	Henry Pethle,	25
Albert Davis,	1 50	Sundries,	95
Mary Davis,	1 25	Jolly Town,	1
Sarah E. Waddle,	1 00	West Warren,	68

Marshall & Benwood Circuit.

To constitute Thomas Riggs a Life Member of the Conference Missionary Society.			
S. R. Dawson,	50		\$1 00
Joseph Hammond,	50		1 00
S. S. Riggs,	50		1 00
Thomas Riggs,	50		1 00
Ambrose Pelly,	50		50
Jane Riggs,	50		50
Total	50		\$5 00
To make Mrs. Lucinda Dunn a Life Member of same Society, Mrs. Dunn paid	50		\$5 00
To make Joseph White a Life Member of same Society, the following sums were paid.	50		
R. R. Dawson,	1 00		\$1 00
M. Dawler,	1 00		1 00
J. Pedley,	50		1 00
D. Montgomery,	50		1 00
John Johnson,	50		1 00
Total	50		\$5 00
To constitute Rev M. Dowler a Life Member of the Conference Missionary Society.			
S. R. Dawson,	50		\$1 00
J. Pedley,	50		1 00
C. H. Snediker,	50		1 00
R. White,	50		1 00
A. Allman,	50		50
J. Partis,	50		50
Total	50		\$5 00
To constitute Joseph Pedley a Life Member of the Conference Missionary Society.			
Sundry persons,	50		\$5 00
Jeremiah Jones,	50		\$1 00
Sundry Collections,	3 00		1 00
Total	50		\$5 00
Sum Total	60		\$20 00

Barbour Circuit.

Total	\$85 75		
W. L. Hindman,			
J. W. Tucker,	\$1 00		
J. D. Holland,	1 00		
R. Warthen,	2 00		
Miss Sarah Hamilton,	1 00		
Mrs. Miviam Holland,	50		
James Bishop,	1 50		
H. Laven,	50		
James Thomas,	1 00		
H. Sinclair,	50		
Joss Pierce Jr.,	3 00		
R. Sinclair,	50		
W. J. May,	50		
G. Pierce,	60		

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1859.

Morgantown District.—J. Drummond, P. E.
Morgantown Station, G. Martin, G. J. Nixon
Sup.

Morgantown Circuit, J. J. Dolliver, E. S.
Wilson.

Monongalia, G. W. Arnold, J. Cook.

Brandonville, F. Ball, J. A. McLure.

Solbysport, D. G. Stewart.

Kingwood, S. King, W. R. Carroll, Sup. one
to be supplied.

Oakland and Snowy Creek, A. Hall, J. Sharp.
St. George and Dry Fork, J. Hare, one to be
supplied.

Bvansville, A. Bower, M. B. B. White,
Fetterman and Grafton, J. W. Reger.
Palatine and Whitely, W. E. Williamson, L.
D. Casto.

Win. Hunter, Prof. of Hebrew and Biblical
Literature in Allegheny College and Mem-
ber of Morgantown Quarterly Conference.

Wheeling District.—G. Battelle, Presiding Elder.

Wheeling, Fourth Street, to be supplied.

Wheeling, North Street, J. S. Patterson.

Wheeling, Chapline Street, J. L. Clark.

South Wheeling, V. Sandford.

Cameron, D. H. K. Dix, B. Cool.

Triadelphia, M. Titchnell.

Marshall, W. R. Howe, one to be supplied.

Moundsville and Grave Creek, S. R. Dawson,

W. H. Wiley.

New Martinsville, R. L. Woodyard, William

E. Stephens.

Short Creek and Liberty, J. M. Phelps

Mannington, M. Allen, one to be supplied.

Blacksville and Dunkard, L. Park one to be
supplied.

Clarksburg District.—J. L. Irwin, P. E.

Clarksburg Station, S. R. Griffith.

West Milford, B. Ison, B. F. Rogers.

Weston, H. C. Sanford.

Frenchton, J. W. Snodgrass, E. Ford.

Pruntytown, J. W. Webb, W. C. Wilson.

Webster and Simpson, N. Potts.

Phillippi, R. M. Wallace, H. D. Rice.

Kuckhannon, R. L. Brooks, F. H. J. King.

Usher, Charles King.

Fairmont, J. B. Blakeney, Agent for Fair-

mont Male and Female Seminary.

Marion, T. H. Trainer, M. Doolittle.

Lumberport, J. M. Powell, W. Bowman.

Beverly, W. L. Hindman,

A. Martin, Professor in Allegheny College

and member of Clarksburg Quarterly Con-

ference.

Parkersburg District.—A. J. Lyda, Presiding

Elder.

Parkersburg Station Wesley Smith,

Elizabeth, S. E. Steel.

Murraysville, J. W. W. Bolton,

Ripley, J. H. Temple.

Spencer, A. B. Rohrbach,

Williamstown, J. Knotts, R. A. Maxwell.

Harrisville, S. Steele, one to be supplied.

West Union, J. S. Hall.

Middlebourne, F. Guthrie.

Sistersville, R. Brooks.

Glenville, T. Hughes, one to be supplied.

Charleston District.—A. A. Reger, P. E.

Charleston Station, R. A. Arthur.

Malden, U. Pribble.

Mountain Cove, W. E. Shaw.

Summersville, C. Conner.

Forklick, I. B. Coburn.

Sutton, J. B. Pinchen.

Calhoun, E. L. Nicholson.

Elk River, J. Sandford.

Charleston Circuit, Phillip Green.

Buffalo, A. Stevens

Hartford City, H. Stevens.

Point Pleasant and Mason City, S. Jones, J.

B. Ford.

Guyandotte District.—T. H. Monroe, P. E.

Guyandotte and Cartlettsburg, G. W. Rich-

mond.

Wayne, R. Northcraft, A. B. Smith.

Sandy, J. J. S. P. Carroll.

Cole River, B. Darlington.

Fayette, E. C. Wayman, A. W. Gregg Sup.

Raleigh, P. Vandersort.

Putnam, J. Garner.

Monticello, A. R. Crisp.

Wyoming, R. Hagar.

J. E. Wilson transferred to the Pittsburg

Conference.

MEMBERSHIP OF DISTRICTS COMPARED WITH LAST YEAR.

DISTRICTS.	Members		Probationers.		Loc'l Pr's.	
	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
Morgantown,	191		64		2	7
Wheeling,	125		241		2	6
Clarksburg,	105		176		5	7
Parkersburg,	261		77		4	6
Charleston,	153	41	7		2	
Guyandotte,	167	150			2	3
Total,	982	320	323	615	13	24

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HELD AT

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BISHOP SCOTT, - - - - - Presiding.

THE WESTERN VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church commenced its thirteenth annual session in Morgantown, Virginia, March 14th, 1860,—Bishop SCOTT presiding.

Conference was opened with religious services conducted by the Bishop, assisted by A. Poe and Wm. Hunter. SAMUEL R. DAWSON was elected Secretary; SAMUEL STEELE, Assistant Secretary, and R. L. WOODYARD, Recording Secretary.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

On Publishing the Minutes.—J. B. Blakeney, J. W. Webb, R. Northcraft.

Stewards Ministerial.—G. W. Arnold, J. L. Clark, T. H. Trainer, J. H. Temple, H. Stevens, G. W. Richmond.

Stewards Lay.—J. Evans, C. D. Hubbard, E. Conaway, Wm. M. Evans, E. W. Newton, J. Nesmith.

Education.—Wm. Hunter, D. D., R. A. Arthur, M. Tichenell, R. Northcraft, J. B. Blakeney, S. Steele, Ministers; and W. T. Willey, Esq. Dr. E. Conaway and C. D. Hubbard, Esq. Laymen.

Missions.—J. Drummond, G. Battelle, J. L. Irwin, A. J. Lyda, T. H. Monroe, A. A. Reger.

Sunday Schools.—J. M. Phelps, R. M. Wallace, A. Bower.

Tracts.—F. Ball, C. Conner, Jas. S. Hall.

Bible Cause.—V. Sanford, A. R. Crislip, S. Jones.

Periodicals.—Wm. Hunter, M. Tichenell, J. M. Powell, W. Smith, R. A. Arthur, J. B. Feather.

Temperance.—R. Hagar, J. W. Reger, P. Green, S. E. Steele, P. Vandervort.

Pastoral Address.—J. Drummond, G. Battelle, M. Tichenell.

Post Offices.—D. H. K. Dix.

Public Worship.—G. Martin, G. W. Arnold, J. J. Dolliver, G. J. Nixon.

The Conference Sermon was preached by Rev. R. A. Arthur, in the morning of the first day of the session, from 2 Cor. 5: 20; after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to a large company, both of ministers and laymen.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION I. *Who are admitted on trial?*

ANSWER. S. Hitchens, H. Wallace, A. J. Lyon, J. C. Bolton, J. M. Warden, T. M. Leslie.

Re-admitted.—J. W. Curry.

QUEST. II. *Who remain on trial?*

ANS. J. S. Carroll, J. B. Ford, E. S. Nicholson, B. F. Rogers, B. Darlington, W. E. Stevens, L. D. Casto, J. Sanford, M. Doolittle, N. Potts, A. B. Smith, M. V. B. White, R. A. Maxwell, W. H. Wiley.

Discontinued.—J. B. Coburn, W. Bowman, J. A. M'Lure.

Withdrawn.—Joseph Sharp.

QUEST. III. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

ANS. J. B. Pinchen, U. Pribble, A. B. Rohrbaugh, D. Cool, E. Ford, E. S. Wilson, J. Cook, E. C. Wayman.

QUEST IV. *Who are the Deacons?*

ANS. Ulysses Pribble,* A. B. Rohrbaugh,* Daniel Cool,* Eugenius Ford,* E. S. Wilson,* J. B. Pinchen,* John Cook,* E. C. Wayman,* J. W. W. Bolton, F. H. J. King, G. W. Richmond, C. King, W. C. Wilson, T. Hughs, H. D. Rice, Joseph Knotts, S. R. Griffith, S. E. Steele.

Local Preachers ordained Deacons—T. F. Hawkins, G. W. Martin, J. Lawler, A. P. Law, D. Meredith, T. Poole.

QUEST. V. *Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?*

ANS. W. H. Shaw, F. Ball, R. Hagar, A. R. Crislip, W. R. Carroll, M. Allen.

QUEST. VI. *Who have located this year?*

ANS. Jeremiah Hare and Edward M'Carty.

QUEST. VII. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

ANS. A. W. Gregg, W. R. Carroll, J. J. Dolliver, J. H. Temple.

QUEST. VIII. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

Those marked thus (*) were ordained this year.

ANS. J. Birkitt, G. Jones, D. A. M'Ginniss, J. B. West, A. Dixon, A. Stevens.

QUEST. IX. *Who have withdrawn from the connection this year?*

ANS. John Gainer.

QUEST. X. *Were all the Preachers' characters examined?*

ANS. This was strictly attended to by calling over their names before the Conference.

QUEST. XI. *Who have died this year?*

ANS. None.

QUEST. XII. *What is the number of members, and what of probationers?*

ANS. Members, 18,215; Probationers, 4,148; Local Preachers, 188.

QUEST. XIV. *What amounts are necessary for the Superannuated Preachers, the Widows and Orphans of Preachers, and to make up the deficiency of those who have not received their regular allowance from the circuits?*

ANS. \$4,553.04.

QUEST. XV. *What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?*

ANS. Centenary Fund,	- - - - -	\$ 23.71
Chartered	" - - - - -	25.00
Conference and Necessitous Collections,	- - - - -	167.26

Total amount received to distribute,	- - - - -	\$215.97
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The foregoing collections were divided as follows:

Claimants.	Dividend.	Claimants.	Dividend.
Stationary, - - - - -	\$ 2.15	Amount forward, - - - - -	\$117.15
Widow Summers, - - - - -	40.00	W. L. Hindman, - - - - -	15.00
Ann Freeland, - - - - -	15.00	J. Temple, - - - - -	15.00
A. Dixon, - - - - -	25.00	W. H. Shaw, - - - - -	15.00
R. L. Woodyard, - - - - -	5.00	J. M. Powel, - - - - -	10.00
D. H. K. Dix, - - - - -	5.00	S. Jones, - - - - -	15.00
R. M. Wallace, - - - - -	5.00	P. Vandervort, - - - - -	11.82
R. L. Brooks, - - - - -	5.00	A. R. Crislip, - - - - -	10.00
C. King, - - - - -	15.00	B. Darlington, - - - - -	7.00
	\$117.15		\$215.97

QUEST. XVI. *What has been contributed for the support of Missions; what for Sunday School Union; what for the publication and circulation of Tracts; and what to aid the American Bible Society?*

ANS. For Missions, from

Circuits and Stations,	- - - - -	\$1,525.58
Paid Treasurer on last year's account,		15
Annual subscription of the Preachers,		79.45
Conference Anniversary Meeting,	-	60.54
Sent before Conference, from Morgan-		
town Station, to J. L. Reed, Pittsb'g.		49.68
		\$1,730.

For Sunday School Union, - - - - -	\$71.81
“ Tract cause, - - - - -	24.30
“ American Bible cause, - - - - -	63.35

QUEST. XVII. *Where are the Preachers stationed this year?*

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

J. DRUMMOND, P. E.

Morgantown, G. Martin.

Morgantown Ct., F. Ball, M. V. B. White.

Monongalia, G. W. Arnold, E. S. Wilson.

Brandonville, J. W. Curry, S. Hitchen.

Selbysport, P. Vandervort; one to be supplied.

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St. George, S. C. Bolton:

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Fetterman and Grafton, J. W. Webb.

Palatine, W. E. Williamson.

W. Hunter, Professor in Allegheny College, and Member of Morgantown Quarterly Conference.

WHEELING DISTRICT.

G. BATTELLE, P. E.

Wheeling, Fourth Street, Wesley Smith.

Wheeling, North Street, J. S. Paterson.

Wheeling, Chapline Street, J. L. Clark.

South Wheeling, G. W. Richmond.

Grave Creek, D. H. K. Dix, H. C. Sandford.

Triadelphia, M. Titchenell.

Marshall, W. R. Howe; one to be supplied.

Elizabethtown and Moundsville, S. R. Dawson.

Littleton, Philip Greene.

New Martinsville, R. L. Woodyard.

Short Creek and Liberty, J. M. Phelps.

Mannington, S. King, W. E. Stevens.
Blacksville, L. Park, M. Doolittle.

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

J. L. IRWIN, P. E.

Clarksburg, S. R. Griffith.

West Milford, J. M. Powell, E. Ford.

Weston, J. W. W. Bolton.

Frenchton, R. L. Brooks, H. Wallace.

Pruntytown, B. Ison, H. D. Rice.

Webster and Simpson, to be supplied.

Philippi, R. M. Wallace; one to be supplied.

Buckhannon, J. W. Snodgrass, B. F. Rogers.

Upshur, Wm. C. Wilson.

Fairmont, J. B. Blakeney.

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Lumberport, M. Allen, N. Potts.

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PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

J. W. REGER, P. E.

Parkersburg, T. Steele, J. H. Temple, Supernumerary.

Elizabeth, S. E. Steele.

Murraysville, V. Sandford.

Newark, A. J. Lyda.

Ripley, R. Northcraft.

Spencer, A. B. Rohrbaugh.

Williamstown, Charles King.

Harrisville, G. J. Nixon, J. B. Pichen, R. A. Maxwell.

West Union, J. S. Hall.

Middlebourne, Francis Guthrie.

Sistersville, R. Brooks.

Glenville, T. C. Hughs.

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

A. A. REGER, P. E.

Charleston, R. A. Arthur.
 Malden, E. C. Wayman.
 Summersville, C. Conner.
 Fork Lick, to be supplied.
 Sutton, W. H. Wiley.
 Calhoun, A. J. Lyon.
 Elk River, to be supplied.
 Charleston Circuit, E. L. Nicholson.
 Buffalo, Wm. H. Shaw.
 Fayette, B. Darlington.
 Raleigh, F. H. J. King.
 Mountain Cove, J. M. Warden.

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.

T. H. MONROE, P. E.

Guyandotte, Ulysses Pribble.
 Catlettsburg, T. M. Leslie.
 Wayne, J. J. Carroll, D. Cool.
 Monticello, A. R. Crislip, A. W.
 Gregg, Supernumerary.

Pt. Pleasant, S. Jones, J. B. Ford.
 Hartford City, Henry Stevens.
 Putnam, J. B. Feather.
 Hamline, B. Hagar.
 Cole River, R. Hagar.
 Logan, James Sanford.
 Sandy, L. D. Casto.
 Wyoming, A. B. Smith.

TRANSFERRED.

Joseph Knotts, transferred to Iowa Conference.

T. M'Cleary, transferred to Pittsburgh Conference.

G. Battelle, J. Drummond and Wm. Hunter, D. D. were elected Delegates to General Conference; J. L. Irwin and G. Martin, reserve Delegates.

REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

The Stewards present the following as their Report:—The claims, receipts and deficiencies are as nearly as we could ascertain as follows:

Claims,	\$28,217 30
Receipts,	23,664 26
Deficiencies,	\$4,553 04

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference, that the Stewards in the various circuits and stations should divide, and they are hereby instructed to do so, the funds put into their hands, between the preachers and Presiding Elders, according to their respective claims, agreeable to Discipline, page 184; he (the P. E.) shall share with the preachers of his district in proportion with what they have respectively received.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. W. ARNOLD,	}	Clerical Com.
J. L. CLARK,		
THOS. H. TRAINER,		
G. W. RICHMOND,		
H. STEVENS,		
JAS. H. TEMPLE,	}	Lay Com.
E. CONAWAY,		
WM. M. EVANS,		
C. D. HUBBARD,		
JAS. EVANS,		

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

The Institution is reported as in a prosperous condition, though severely stricken by the sudden death of its lamented President, John Barker, D. D. He was a Christian gentleman of eminent virtues and talents, and highly qualified for the distinguished post which he had so long occupied, with credit to himself and honor to the Church. The death of Dr. Barker has left a vacancy in the Board of Instruction which it is desirable to be filled with a competent man, at an early period. This important matter is now under consideration by the joint Committee of Control, appointed by the Pittsburgh, Erie and Western Virginia Conference, and it is hoped will soon be consummated. In the mean time, your Committee are assured that the internal operation of the College will be fully carried on by the remaining members of the Faculty, under the Vice Presidency of Professor Williams. Some additional assistance will be needed to be temporarily employed in the department of teaching until a new President takes his

seat. But the course of study, as laid down in the catalogue, will be amply provided for, and carried out.

Your Committee recommend the passage of the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That in the death of President Barker we recognize the hand of Him whose ways are unsearchable ; and sorrow stricken, bow in submission to Him who worketh all things according to the counsels of His own will.

2. *Resolved*, That we hereby tender our Christian sympathies to the bereaved family of our departed brother ; to the Officers and Students of the Institution ; and to the Conference of which he was a member, and an ornament.

3. *Resolved*, That it affords us unfeigned pleasure to hear of the general prosperity of the College, and that we recommend it to our friends and the public within the bounds of our Conference.

4. *Resolved*, That M. Tichenell, G. Battelle, J. S. Patterson, H. R. List and G. M. Hagans be appointed members of the Visiting Committee for the present year.

5. *Resolved*, That J. Drummond, S. R. Dawson, C. D. Hubbard and W. T. Willey be appointed to represent the Conference, in the joint Committee of Control for the present year.

MORGANTOWN FEMALE SEMINARY.

It affords your Committee high satisfaction to hear of the continued and unceasing prosperity of this Institution. With excellent buildings, accomplished and popular instructors, situated in a pleasant and healthy village, and in the midst of a moral, religious and refined community, we cannot but anticipate for this Seminary a successful and brilliant future under the Divine blessing.

1. *Resolved*, That our best wishes and prayers ascend for the continued peace, prosperity and usefulness of this excellent school ; and that we cordially concur in the sentiment of the enterprising Board of Trustees, that no Female Seminary in Western Virginia presents stronger claims upon the confidence of parents who desire to educate their daughters away from home.

2. *Resolved*, That G. Martin, J. Drummond, J. L. Irwin and J. B. Blakeney be appointed a Visiting Committee for the present Conference year.

NORTH WESTERN VIRGINIA ACADEMY.

The Committee have no report from this Institution, and have nothing further to say concerning it, than to recommend the appointment of a committee of five to act in behalf of the Conference during the interval of its session.

1. *Resolved*, That G. Battelle, M. Tichenell, J. B. Blakeney, J. L. Irwin and T. H. Trainer be appointed a committee to represent the Conference, with full power to act on its behalf in respect to the North Western Academy and the Educational Fund of the Conference.

FAIRMONT MALE AND FEMALE SEMINARY.

Your Committee have had no written report from this school, but oral

statements from the Principal and members of the Board of Trustees. We learn that the internal condition of the school is prosperous, and that there are good prospects of its continued usefulness and success.

The Principal is well reported of by members of the Board, as eminently qualified for his post, and deservedly popular. The great drawback is the debt upon the buildings, which still remains unpaid and embarrasses the enterprise. This Conference, in taking the Seminary under its patronage, was careful to assume no pecuniary liabilities in connection with it. Notwithstanding, a local agent was appointed at our last session to obtain subscriptions on its behalf. Owing to the difficulties of the times the effort was only partially successful. It is believed that an additional effort this year may be more effectual, and may accomplish the desired end. Your Committee, therefore, recommend the re-appointment of Bro. J. B. Blakeney, as local agent in behalf of the Fairmont Seminary, and would, also, recommend the Trustees to accept of the proffered services of the Principal, Rev. W. R. White, to act a portion of the time as agent, for the purpose of relieving the Institution of its embarrassments. We also offer the following resolution:

That J. Drummond, G. Battelle and J. B. Blakeney be appointed a Committee to represent this Conference in advising with the Board of Trustees.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. HUNTER,	} Committee.
W. T. WILLEY,	
M. TICHENELL,	
R. NORTHCRAFT,	
J. B. BLAKENEY,	
S. STEELE,	
C. D. HUBBARD,	

COMMUNICATION FROM ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

To the Bishop and Clergy of the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

CHRISTIAN BRETHREN.—As the presiding officer of the Board of Trustees of Allegheny College, I have been instructed to address you in relation to the interests of this Institution; and it is with much pleasure and satisfaction that I can speak of its prosperity and usefulness during the past year. It was much feared that the severe frosts of last June, by which so large a portion of the agricultural productions of Western New York and Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and Northern Virginia were cut short, would materially diminish the number of attending students, but in this we were most agreeably disappointed, there being an excess of twenty-nine over the number in attendance the preceding year.

The deportment of the young gentlemen has been highly gratifying; many of them possessing those Christian qualities which serve to check and keep within exemplary limits others who, under less favorable circumstances, might have been disposed to be wayward and disobedient. Their

proficiency in study and the acquisition of knowledge has been as creditable to them as it has been to the untiring zeal and efficiency of those under whose instructions and care they were placed. The health, too, of the inmates of the Institution has been remarkably good; but four instances having occurred by which any of them have been prevented from continuing their daily studies. For so beneficent a providence, it becomes us all to be devoutly thankful. No effort has been spared by the Board and the Faculty to confine the expenses—incidental to the comfort and the preservation of the College premises—within the limits of its receipts; at the same time, an expenditure of from six to ten hundred dollars might be very readily made on the buildings, which, in the end, would be found one of decided economy. Were this sum at command, it would, at once, be appropriated to this desired object.

The want of modern facilities of traveling by rail road has been sensibly felt, and may have prevented some from coming to this College, who, under more favorable circumstances in this respect, would have selected it as their place of study. This inconvenience will, however, soon be removed, as it is confidently expected that the road now in progress, from Little Valley, where it connects with the New York & Erie Road, to and through Ohio to St. Louis, will be completed in less than fifteen months. This road will place Meadville in the centre of rail road communication, and cannot fail to add very materially to the interests of the College.

But in the midst of gratulations for the past, and our prospects for the future, we are not without deep sorrow and regret. On the morning of the 26th ult. the beloved and intellectual President of our College, the Rev. John Barker, D. D. was, most suddenly and unexpectedly, removed from our midst by death. In him were most harmoniously combined all the qualities of a Christian gentleman, a ripe scholar and an efficient College executor. The loss is painfully felt, but He, by whose providence it has been occasioned, is abundantly able to replace it to our greater gain; and should we not, Christian brethren, look, with all humble confidence, to Him—whom we revere as our Heavenly Father—for that grace and wisdom which shall enable us to select one who shall be worthy to be the successor of him who has forever left us? Allow me, most affectionately, to invite your serious and deliberate consideration to this subject, so that the vacancy in the board of instruction may be filled with the least possible delay.

Venerable Fathers and Brethren: The Institution of which I have thus been writing, is one, that in its interests, its past advantages for many years, and its future prospects for good or for evil, is the common property and inheritance of your own ecclesiastical body, and the kindred ones of Pittsburgh and Erie. If you have nourished and fostered it heretofore, so as to make it subservient to the purposes of Christian life and intellectual attainments, permit me to suggest, that by your untiring zeal and efforts you may largely aid in placing this, your "foster child," in that eminent position, which shall reflect the wise forethought of the fathers for the benefit of their children down to many generations in the future.

With my best wishes for your personal and ecclesiastical prosperity,

I remain your obedient servant,

DAVID DERICKSON.

COMMUNICATION FROM MORGANTOWN FEMALE SEMINARY.

TO THE WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE:

Brethren!—We are happy to be able to report that “The Morgantown Female Seminary” continues to prosper.

There have been ninety-four pupils attending the Seminary during the current year, of whom twenty-four were from abroad, and most of these have been boarders therein.

During the past winter, all the young ladies boarding in the Seminary, not previously connected with some branch of the Church, have made a profession of religion. They have been organized into a class, meeting every Sabbath afternoon in the Seminary, with Rev. William Hawk, late of the Baltimore Conference, and now residing in the Seminary, as their leader. The age, experience, and exalted Christian character of this remarkable minister of Christ, would afford (if any had been needed) an additional guarantee of a pure, moral and religious influence, constantly surrounding the pupils.

We think there is no Female Seminary in Western Virginia presenting stronger claims for the confidence of parents who desire to educate their daughters away from home.

We are not asking pecuniary aid; but we solicit your prayers and your patience.

W. C. WILLEY, GEO. M. HAGANS, GEO. D. EVANS, W. WAGNER, R. L. BERKSHIRE,	}	<i>Trustees.</i>
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

The Committee on Periodicals report—That according to the showing of the documents referred to them, the *Pittsburgh Christian Advocate*, which has so long been patronized by this Conference, is in a prosperous condition. The Committee are of opinion that considering the difficulty and delicacy of the editor's position, as the conductor of a paper circulating on both sides of the border line, the paper has been managed with marked ability, prudence and liberality of feeling, notwithstanding occasional articles unfavorable to the work within our Conference limits. It is morally impossible that any paper, can, in all things, and at all times, be entirely satisfactory to all its patrons; and especially must this be the case, in respect to a Church paper, circulating, like the *Pittsburgh Christian Advocate*, in different sections, varying in their views and feelings on important questions. Those who take a paper must allow to others the same independence of opinion and feeling which they claim for themselves. Mutual forbearance and temperate language will do much to harmonize conflicting sentiments and interest. “In essentials, unity—in non-essentials, liberty—in all things, charity,” is a maxim worthy of universal acceptance.

The *Pittsburgh Christian Advocate* has been our official, organ since

the organization of our Conference: and has in general answered our purposes well. The home intelligence which it contains makes it especially desirable to the most of our preachers and people. We still commend it to their patronage, and pledge ourselves to renewed efforts for the increase of its circulation.

There are also other excellent Church papers circulating to some extent within our Conference, as the *Christian Advocate*, *Western Christian Advocate*, and *Baltimore Christian Advocate*. All our people are, of course, at perfect liberty to choose whatever paper is most in accordance with their tastes and views. The circulation of all these papers doubtless tends to the interests of the Church; but the increased patronage of our proper official organ is highly desirable, as furnishing a convenient medium of communication between our preachers and members.

In respect to the *General Conference Daily*, the Committee earnestly commend the attention of the Conference to the request of the agents in forwarding subscribers to that paper: namely, to send them on, accompanied with the money, at an early period. Great confusion results from retaining these names till the commencement of the General Conference, and throwing them in by thousands at that time. Brethren should, if possible, send on their subscribers a couple of weeks in advance.

Respectfully submitted.

W. HUNTER,
J. B. FEATHER,
J. M. POWELL,
R. A. ARTHUR,
MOSES TICHENELL,
WESLEY SMITH,

} Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee to whom was referred the Bible Cause, beg leave to report—Sixty-three dollars and thirty-five cents have been raised for the American Bible cause. We regret that the amount is so small, we believe that the Bible is the only sufficient rule of our faith and practice, and that a knowledge of the same is essential to man's present and final salvation, and we feel convinced that more should be done to aid in its publication and diffusion.

Resolved, That we will take up collections in all our different appointments, to aid in this good cause.

V. SANFORD,
A. R. CRISLIP,
S. JONES,

} Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE TRACT CAUSE.

WHEREAS, It appears that there has only been thirteen dollars and fifteen cents expended in tracts, and eleven dollars and fifteen cents in cash reported for the present year; and as it further appears from the report

of the Executive Committee on Tracts, that from many circuits and stations, and from some entire Conferences, *no* contributions have been made, and as the demand is continually and rapidly increasing in the foreign field, especially in Germany and India, where our missionaries are calling loudly for aid in translating and printing religious tracts for distribution among the people; and believing as we do, that for many years to come, the work of those who labor for the salvation of the heathen, will mainly be the distribution of tracts among them, in their own language; and also that a very important work can be done among foreigners who have left their native land and are living among us, by the publication of tracts in their own vernacular languages, and that it is the paramount duty of the Parent Board to see that this great work is carried forward as one of the most effectual modes of preaching the Gospel, which work, however, can only be done to the extent with which the means are furnished; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That by our contributions we will place in the hands of our preachers and missionaries, at home and abroad, these good seed of truth, and send them forth to sow them broadcast beside all waters; and we will pray the great Head of the Church for a bountiful harvest.

2. *Resolved*, That we highly recommend to the patronage of our Sabbath schools, *The Good News*, a handsomely embellished monthly, published by the Tract Society at almost a nominal price.

3. *Resolved*, That we fix upon the month of July in which an opportunity shall be given to all our congregations to contribute to the Tract cause.

F. BALL,
C. CONNER,
J. S. HALL, } *Committee.*

ON THE BRUCETON AND WEST UNION CHURCHES.

The Committee to whom was referred the petitions from the churches in West Union, in Doddridge county, and Bruceton, Preston county, present the following as their report:—We recommend the case of each of those churches to the liberality of the people within our bounds, whenever a call shall be made upon them on behalf of said churches.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. REGER,
WESLEY SMITH,
A. HALL, } *Committee.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

While your Committee on Sunday Schools is gratified to report (from the statistics furnished them,) an increase on the report of last year in the following departments, viz. 19 schools, 358 officers and teachers, 81 Bible classes, 788 scholars in infant classes; expenses of schools, \$574.61; for S. S. Union, \$15.72; conversions, 233: they report that they must record a decrease in the following departments on the report of last year,

viz. scholars, 300 ; volumes in library, 7,721 ; *Sunday School Advocates* taken, 72. There are five charges that have not reported. Though the past year has been a hard year on all classes, but especially so on our farmers, owing to the general failure of the crops, yet we believe much more could have been done for this glorious cause than was done.

Your Committee respectfully submit the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we deeply regret that the Sunday school cause, so purely benevolent in its designs and operations, and so vastly beneficial to the cause of Christ and humanity, and which, by all the considerations of our children's present and eternal happiness, vindicates its claims upon our sympathies and hearty coöperation, has hitherto been so much neglected.

2. *Resolved*, That we will in the future make more united and vigorous efforts than we have yet made, to sustain the Sunday school cause, and to enlarge its field of operation and usefulness.

3. *Resolved*, That we will make use of all laudable means to place in all our Sunday schools the books published by the Sunday School Union of the M. E. Church, believing them to be better adapted to the wants of our schools in doctrinal purity, cheapness, beauty and durability, than those of any other publishing house or society in the country ; and we, therefore, heartily recommend them to the favorable consideration of all our people, and especially to all our superintendents of Sunday schools.

4. *Resolved*, That we will, as far as practicable, take up our collections for the Sunday School Union in the months of May or June.

5. *Resolved*, That we will make an effort to place, if possible, a copy of the *Sunday School Advocate* in every Methodist family in our bounds.

J. M. PHELPS,	} Committee.
R. M. WALLACE,	
A. BOWER,	

RESOLUTIONS.

BISHOP SCOTT.

Resolved, That the uniform urbanity, kindness and dignified deportment of our beloved superintendent, Bishop SCOTT, in all his intercourse with us, and in the discharge of his official duties, have won our highest regard, and we will hail with delight his return to this Conference to preside over our deliberations.

J. DRUMMOND,
W. HUNTER,
G. BATTELLE.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the hospitality and Christian kindness which the Conference has experienced from the people of Morgantown during our present session, has made an indelible impression upon our hearts; and that we leave this, the place of our delightful sojourn, saying to our Morgantown friends: We bless you in the name of the Lord our God, and may the blessings of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, be with you all evermore. Amen.

Resolved, That we will cherish a grateful remembrance of the Christian courtesy and brotherly kindness extended to us by the pastors and people of our sister Churches in Morgantown, and pray that the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ may ever dwell richly in their hearts, and that God may increase and prosper them in their work of faith and labor of love.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to those Rail Road Companies which have tendered to the Conference and visitors the privilege of half fare tickets.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the papers of this place, and in our Church papers.

W. HUNTER,
G. BATTELLE.

Resolved, That our Delegates to the next General Conference be requested to oppose all and every change of our General Rule on Slavery.

ON THE BLACK RIVER CONFERENCE PAPERS.

WHEREAS, It is entirely unnecessary to circulate petitions to the General Conference on the subject of Slavery, we and our members being, as

we believe, unanimously opposed to any change of our Discipline on that subject; therefore,

Resolved, That the papers from the Black River Conference be laid on the table.

ON THE ERIE CONFERENCE RESOLUTION TO CHANGE GENERAL RULE ON SLAVERY.

The following was adopted by a vote of 72 in favor, none against:

WHEREAS, The change proposed by the Erie Conference in our General Rule on Slavery, regardless of the necessities and merciful purposes of all who hold slaves, plainly and absolutely forbids, according to the common use of terms, the holding of any human being to be used in slavery, "even for one hour;" and whereas, said proposed change is in conflict with the Word of God, and the rules and usages of the M. E. Church from the beginning; therefore, it is unanimously

Resolved, That we non-concur in said proposed change of our General Rule on Slavery.

ON THE PROVIDENCE CONFERENCE RESOLUTION TO CHANGE GENERAL RULE ON SLAVERY.

The resolution to *non-concur* in the proposed change by the Providence Conference of the General Rule on Slavery was adopted, by a vote of 73 in favor, none against.

LAY STEWARDS.

The following was presented by the Ministerial Stewards:

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the valuable services of our Lay Stewards.

TIME OF HOLDING CONFERENCE.

Resolved, That the Bishops be requested to fix the middle of March as the time of holding the next Annual Session of this Conference.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEES.

Resolved, That J. Drummond and S. R. Dawson, be continued as members of the Publishing Committee of the *Pittsburgh Christian Advocate* for this year.

ON TOBACCO.

Believing the use of tobacco to be a species of intemperance, injurious to man physically, mentally and morally, forbidden by the Bible, and wholly inconsistent with the laws of propriety and decency, especially in the house of God, where all things should "be done decently and in order," we present the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we will discourage the use of tobacco in the house of God, both by precept and example.

2. *Resolved*, That we will discourage all our young men who shall be candidates for the ministry, from forming the habit of tobacco using in all its forms.

H. STEVENS,
W. L. HINDMAN,
G. J. NIXON.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE FOR 1860.

First Year—G. Martin, R. M. Wallace, W. R. Howe.

Second Year—J. S. Patterson, G. J. Nixon, T. H. Trainer.

Third Year—J. B. Blakeney, J. W. Webb, J. M. Powell.

Fourth Year—J. S. Clark, W. L. Hindman, D. H. K. Dix.

To examine Local Preachers—R. S. Brooks, F. Guthrie.

To examine Local Deacons—A. Hall, F. Ball.

To preach the Annual Missionary Sermon—J. W. Webb; S. R. Griffith, alternate.

On motion, Alex. Martin was appointed to preach the Conference Sermon at next session; G. M. Arnold, alternate.

STATISTICS

OF

MEMBERS, PROBATIONERS, &c.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.					BAPTISMS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.			
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference Claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	
Morgantown District.															
Morgantown Station,	195	6	56	1	.....	2	1	\$ 7,000	1	\$1,800	\$ 25.50	\$316.67	.....	\$ 8.00	
Morgantown Circuit,	419	3	125	2	27	30	8	3,200	.....	.....	.....	8.43	.....	.....	
Monongalia,	586	5	61	4	10	16	8	4,300	1	200	56.00	85.89	\$ 7.20	.....	56
Brandonville,	453	5	73	3	35	10	9	7,000	1	250	10.50	.....	.....	.....	
Selbysport,	271	.....	22	3	3	20	5	2,200	.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....	
Kingwood,	360	4	59	3	10	8	3	2,000	1	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Oakland,	291	2	76	2	8	29	5	2,500	1	375	1.00	20.35	.....	24.63	
St. George,	201	.....	23	2	.....	2	7	2,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Evansville,	330	3	62	.....	5	17	7	3,300	1	200	.....	27.00	.....	.....	
Fetterman and Grafton,	346	4	47	1	15	20	4	2,500	.....	.....	11.75	95.38	.....	1.00	
Palatine,	378	2	71	6	7	3	6	4,750	.....	.....	4.00	6.00	.....	.....	
TOTAL,	3830	34	682	27	120	157	60	\$49,750	6	\$3,125	\$108.75	\$503.72	\$ 7.20	\$34.13	
Wheeling District.															
Wheeling—Fourth Street,	422	5	33	2	8	15	2	13,200	.....	.....	18.30	288.17	14.05	25.08	
“ North Street,	166	1	47	1	2	19	1	4,500	1	750	8.00	55.00	.....	5.40	
“ Chapline Street,	240	.....	56	2	6	26	1	4,000	1	1,000	20.00	162.00	.....	7.50	
Marshall,	209	4	84	3	10	14	6	3,500	.....	.....	.....	40.00	.....	.....	
Moundsville and Grave Creek,	281	1	121	2	15	22	5	7,000	2	800	1.00	24.80	.....	.....	
Cameron,	331	4	53	5	10	5	3	800	1	150	5.36	28.63	.....	.....	
Triadelphia,	212	6	42	1	6	6	3	2,000	1	400	.....	21.43	.....	.....	
New Martinsville,	238	2	33	3	7	6	6	2,200	.....	.....	.....	23.68	.....	.....	
Short Creek and Liberty,	103	1	64	.....	.....	4	2	3,000	.....	300	.....	20.00	.....	.....	
Mannington,	447	2	144	5	10	11	8	3,200	1	650	1.00	12.52	.....	2.00	
Blacksville,	343	4	160	2	5	9	4	2,000	.....	.....	.....	26.95	.....	.....	
South Wheeling,	52	.....	29	.....	6	8	1	1,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
TOTAL,	3044	30	866	26	85	145	42	\$16,900	8	\$4,050	\$ 53.66	\$708.18	\$14.05	\$39.98	
Clarksburg District.															
Clarksburg Station,	62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	500	.....	.....	5.00	10.00	.....	.....	
“ (Col.),	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
West Milford,	589	4	71	6	18	4	9	6,450	1	608	9.50	46.00	1.00	1.31	
Weston,	165	2	33	3	6	4	4	1,800	1	800	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Frenchton,	507	2	69	7	17	62	12	4,300	.....	.....	.....	25.71	1.00	.....	
Pruntytown,	396	3	67	6	28	5	7	4,900	1	300	1.48	28.27	.....	.....	
Philippi,	472	6	115	5	27	4	8	4,670	1	150	4.00	15.80	.....	1.00	
Buckhannon,	411	6	13	4	8	.....	7	4,100	.....	.....	1.75	5.00	.....	.....	
Webster and Simpson,	100	.....	5	1	1	1	4	1,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Upshur,	206	1	23	3	20	7	3	400	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	
Fairmont,	105	1	20	2	.....	.....	1	5,000	1	800	10.00	10.00	.....	.....	
Lumberport,	350	.....	168	3	40	5	8	3,600	.....	.....	.....	16.11	.....	1.00	
Beverly,	272	.....	8	1	24	7	6	1,900	1	600	.....	4.25	.....	.....	
Marion,	500	5	89	2	36	25	7	2,700	1	400	.....	16.80	.....	.....	
TOTAL,	4209	30	681	42	225	124	77	\$13,320	7	\$3,658	\$ 31.73	\$178.69	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.31	

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAP- TISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.				
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference Claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Tract So- ciety.	For Bible So- ciety.
Parkersburg District.														
Parkersburg Station.....	160	2	50	3	40	20	2	\$ 3,500	1	\$1,500				
“ (Colored).....	28													
Sistersville.....	275	2	20	2	6	4	4	1,500				3.50		
Elizabeth.....	268	1	22	7	10	2	6	2,500	1	225		3.50		
West Union.....	287	3	74	3	4	2	4	2,000				3.50		
Ripley.....	175	3	25	4	8	17	4	800						
Murraysville.....	137	6	47	3	5	3	3	1,000						
Harrisville.....	669	4	62	9	15	12	10	4,250	1	450	\$5.00	23.81		
Williamstown.....	257	3	140	5	35	24	9	2,500	1	500		27.18		\$1.50
Glenville.....	230	2	30	4	13	25	6	2,000				4.30		
Middlebourne.....	354	3	82	1	30	2	6	2,800	1	300	2.32			
Spencer.....	282	2	59	4	22	2	2	2,250	1	250				
TOTAL.....	3122	31	611	45	188	113	56	\$23,100	6	\$3,250	\$ 7.32	\$65.79		\$1.50
Charleston District.														
Charleston Station.*.....	310	3	42	1	3	6	1	6,000						
Malden.....	87	1	27	1	1	.....	1	2,000				1.50		
H. City Station.....	50	.....	17	1	3	6	1	800				6.00	75	1.36
Elk River.....	204	.....	24	3	.....	.....	2	250						
Charleston Ct.....	133	1	32	4	1	2	2	.....			2.60	5.00	1.06	1.00
Calhoun.....	161	3	202	1	12	17	4	500	1	50	35	43	35	35
Point Pleasant.....	160	4	78	.....	16	10	4	5,000			8.69	20.00		1.64
Buffalo.....	130	2	99	2	2	7	3	2,500						
Summersville.....	240	.....	77	5	.....	2	4	800	1	200		2.75		
Mountain Cove.....	160	.....	3	1	1	17	.....				1.00			
Sutton.....	196	1	14	1	.....	.....	2	600						
Fort Lick.....	100	.....	12	2	1	12	1	150						
TOTAL.....	1931	13	627	22	40	79	25	\$18,600	2	\$ 250	\$11.64	\$36.68	\$2.16	\$4.35
Guyandotte District.														
Guyandotte & Catletts'b'g.	88	.....	69	.....	.....	.....	3	4,350			12.25	22.06		
Wayne.....	350	5	45	4	13	9	4	1,500				2.00		
Sandy.....	230	2	90	2	6	.....	2	400						
Coal River.....	165	3	182	4	10	6	.....							
Fayette.....	228	2	45	4	12	.....	2	600						
Raleigh.....	121	4	29	1	4	1	4	800						
Logan.....	290	2	20	2	7	30	3	1,000						
Putnam.....	100	3	18	1	7	5	3	3,000				15.00		5.00
Monticello.....	119	1	43	.....	17	.....	1	250						
Hamline.....	140	.....	30	3	.....	.....	2	350						
Wyoming.....	248	4	110	4	6	12	2	350						
TOTAL.....	2079	26	681	25	82	63	26	\$12,600			\$12.25	\$39.06		\$5.00

RECAPITULATION OF MEMBERSHIP, CONTRIBUTIONS, &c.

Morgantown Dist.,.....	3830	34	681	27	120	157	60	\$40,750	6	\$3,125	108.75	\$503.72	\$7.20	34.13
Wheeling ".....	3044	30	836	26	85	145	42	46,900	8	4,050	53.66	708.18	14.05	39.98
Clarksburg ".....	4209	30	681	43	225	124	77	41,320	7	3,668	31.73	178.69	2.00	3.31
Parkersburg ".....	3122	31	611	45	188	113	56	23,100	6	3,225	7.32	65.79	.....	1.50
Charleston ".....	1931	13	627	22	40	79	25	18,600	2	250	11.64	36.68	2.16	4.35
Guyandotte ".....	2079	26	681	25	82	63	26	12,600	.....	.....	12.25	39.06	.....	5.00
Total 1860.....	18215	164	4147	188	740	681	286	183,270	29	14,308	225.35	1532.12	25.41	88.27
" 1859.....	17975	198	3824	188	931	958	282	171,750	28	15,103	190.86	1890.10	43.00	55.85
Increase 1860.....	240	.....	323	.....	.....	.....	4	11,520	1	.....	34.49	.....	.....	32.42
Decrease 1860.....	.....	34	.....	.....	191	277	.....	.....	795	.....	366.98	17.59	.....	.....

* This report does not show what proportion of the membership in Charleston are colored; neither does it show that any missionary money was paid. If remembered correctly, it was stated by the preacher in charge that he had received some \$30.

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

APPOINTMENTS.	No. S. Schools	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library	No. Bible Classes.	Scholars in Infant Classes.	Expenses of the Schools this year.	Raised for Benevolent Purposes.	S. S. Advocates taken.	Conversion.
MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.										
Morgantown Station,.....	1	30	210	200	8	.....	\$5.00	\$5.00	56	20
Morgantown Circuit,.....	8	50	370	300	2	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....
Monongalia,.....	6	75	350	920	.....	.....	10.30	14.55	.....	6
Brandonville,.....	12	137	521	1626	5	.....	29.47	.....	.....	15
Selbysport,.....	6	40	200	650	2	.....	10.00	.....	.....	1
Kingwood,.....	8	83	259	1150	3	30	21.00	.....	.....	12
Oakland and Snowy Creek,...	10	95	371	1494	1	.....	41.50	2.00	.....	16
St. George and Dry Fork,.....	6	42	120	240	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Evansville,.....	11	112	339	800	20	230	11.00	.....	.....	14
Fetterman and Grafton,.....	7	70	325	700	8	300	82.62	2.00	1	15
Palatine and White Day,.....	8	50	225	700	1	.....	5.00	.....	.....	8
TOTAL,.....	83	784	3290	8480	53	560	\$215.89	\$25.55	57	112
WHEELING DISTRICT.										
Wheeling, Fourth Street,.....	3	77	396	1000	25	155	168.00	14.00	250	.....
“ North Street,.....	2	45	259	1365	1	112	105.00	5.00	84	12
“ Chapline Street,.....	1	26	220	860	4	80	95.95	8.50	100	10
South Wheeling,.....	1	15	90	400	7	30	31.32	.....	10	2
Cameron,.....	5	56	218	605	27	66	12.97	2.10	18	.....
Triadelphia,.....	3	30	400	206	13	46	27.00	.....	12	7
Marshall,.....	7	34	163	480	22	26	8.16	.....	16	13
Moundsville,.....	2	36	125	209	3	12	56.40	1.50	12	29
New Martinsville,.....	5	48	180	526	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....
Short Creek and Liberty,.....	2	10	100	300	5	20	.....	.....	.....	25
Mannington,.....	7	72	340	1206	.....	.....	40.00	.....	25	23
Blacksville,.....	6	62	319	1190	3	5	5.00	.....	10	43
TOTAL,.....	44	511	2810	7338	110	552	\$554.80	\$31.10	537	164
CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.										
Clarksburg Station,.....	1	5	35	100	1	6	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Milford,.....	9	94	421	914	5	.....	22.10	5.00	11	6
Weston,.....	3	37	200	150	8	20	16.00	.....	32	12
Frenchton,.....	6	50	225	540	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
Pruntytown,.....	1	12	50	150	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Webster and Simpson,.....	1	13	58	106	5	19	.....	.....	.....	.....
Philippi,.....	9	103	387	705	15	102	48.31	.....	11	20
Buckhannon,.....	4	39	146	535	16	33	1.00	.....	.....	2
Upshur,.....	4	24	100	250	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....	.....
Fairmont,.....	1	17	80	200	4	24	16.00	.....	20	13
Marion,.....	8	75	320	650	1	.....	30.00	.....	.....	10
Lumberport,.....	8	75	264	753	18	91	5.75	1.25	.....	16
Beverly,.....	2	24	60	300	.....	.....	5.00	1.15	5	.....
TOTAL,.....	57	568	2346	5353	78	295	\$148.06	\$7.40	79	89

APPOINTMENTS.	No. S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	No. Bible Classes.	Scholars in Infant Classes.	Expenses of the Schools this year.	Raised for Be-nevolent purpo-ses.	S. S. Advocates taken.	Conversions.
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.										
Parkersburg Station,.....	1	23	125	382	3	.....	\$70.00	.....	12	13
Elizabeth,	4	34	128	318	4	35	10.00	.....	3	20
Murraysville,.....	4	20	125	200	4	8	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ripley,.....	4	48	100	500	4	75	20.00	.....	.....	.....
Spencer, (No report).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Williamstown,.....	8	50	227	736	9	.....	.....	\$1.00	.....	28
Harrisville,	7	36	500	1050	7	150	15.00	2.50	.....	.....
West Union,.....	5	28	200	400	3	30	6.00	.....	.....	.....
Middlebourne,	6	58	204	408	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	8
Sistersville, (No report).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Glenville,	4	30	100	350	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL,.....	43	327	1709	4344	41	288	\$121.00	\$3.50	15	69
GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.										
Guyandotte and Catlettsburg, ..	1	12	50	100	.....	.....	12.00	.....	24	9
Wayne,.....	4	13	75	250	.....	.....	8.00	.....	.....	.....
Sandy, (No report) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cole River,.....	4	36	87	350	7	.....	8.50	.....	.....	6
Fayette, (No report) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Putnam,	3	18	150	350	1	17	10.00	.....	11	.....
Monticello,.....	3	24	60	200	4	36	4.35	.....	.....	.....
Wyoming,.....	4	28	130	200	8	80	.....	.....	.....	.....
Raleigh,.....	1	8	30	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Logan,.....	3	21	90	95	3	55	.....	.....	.....	3
TOTAL,.....	23	160	642	1585	23	188	\$42.85	.....	35	20
CHARLESTON DISTRICT.										
Charleston Station,.....	1	12	60	150	6	.....	25.00	.....	33	4
Malden,	1	5	30	250	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....
Mountain Cove,	2	20	80	150	7	15	25	.....	.....	.....
Summerville,	2	10	60	100	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Fork Lick,.....	3	20	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sutton, (No report).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Calhoun,	6	22	109	80	5	.....	.....	35	.....	16
Elk River,.....	2	14	80	60	1	24	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charleston Circuit,.....	3	.....	.....	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Buffalo,.....	3	13	100	131	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hartford City, ..	1	9	76	181	9	27	14.25	2.25	50	.....
Mt. Pleasant and M. City,.....	1	50	275	1125	2	.....	84.96	1.67	.....	15
TOTAL,	25	170	726	2527	36	66	\$26.46	\$4.28	83	38

MINUTES OF WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

STATIONS.	PREACHERS.	Children under 7.	Children over 7.	Quarterage.	Table Expenses.	Rent.	Total.	Receipts.	Deficiency.	Conference Collections.	Traveling Expenses.
Clarksburg District.											
Clarksburg Dist.	J. L. Irwin, P. E.	3	2	\$ 296	\$ 300.00	\$ 75	\$ 671.00	\$ 571.16	99.84		\$ 25.00
Clarksburg Sta.	S. R. Griffith	1	1	232	162.00	60	454.00	454.00		\$ 5.00	27.00
West Milford	B. Ison	1	1	232	100.00	P.	392.00	360.87	21.13	9.50	6.90
"	B. F. Rogers	1	1	100			100.00	92.05	7.95		6.95
Weston	H. C. Sanford	1	1	100			100.00	100.00			15.00
Frenchton	J. W. Snodgrass	1	1	248	130.00		378.00	340.28	37.72		10.00
"	E. Ford	1	1	100			100.00	89.25	10.75		10.00
Pruntytown	J. W. Webb	1	1	232	100.00	P.	332.00	291.03	40.97	1.48	
"	W. C. Wilson	1	1	100			100.00	88.00	12.00		
Webster & Simp.	N. Potts	1	1	110			110.00	93.01	17.99		
Philippi	R. M. Wallace	1	1	264	130.00	P.	394.00	296.61	97.39	4.00	39.75
"	H. D. Rice	1	1	100			100.00	77.12	22.88		3.50
Buckhannon	R. L. Brooks	1	1	224	180.00	10	413.30	311.61	101.69	1.75	14.00
"	F. H. J. King	1	1	100			100.00	88.00	12.00		12.00
Upshur	Chas. King	1	1	200	120.00	2	322.00	216.03	105.97		14.00
Fairmont	J. B. Blakeney	1	1	216	162.00	P.	378.00	350.60	27.40	10.00	22.03
Marion	T. H. Trainer	2	3	304	195.00	P.	499.00	409.42	89.58		15.50
"	M. Doolittle	1	1	100			100.00	82.42	17.58		
Lumberport	J. M. Powell	2	1	232	115.00	25	372.00	223.59	148.41		15.50
"	W. Bowman	1	1	100			100.00	61.43	39.67		1.10
Beverly	W. L. Hindman	1	1	240	100.00	P.	340.00	242.00	98.00		31.00
Parkersburg District.	TOTAL	16	11	\$3,830	\$1,854.00	\$172	\$5,855.30	\$4,845.33	\$1,008.92	\$31.73	\$269.23
Elizabeth Ct.	A. J. Lyda, P. E.	1	1	240	254.00	100	594.00	460.00	134.00		20.00
Parkersburg Dist.	Wesley Smith	1	4	206	150.00	P.	446.00	446.00			
Parkersburg Sta.	S. B. Steele	2	1	232	118.00		350.00	253.00	97.00		19.50
Murraysville	J. W. W. Bolton	1	1	100			100.00	100.00			8.00
Ripley	J. H. Temple	1	1	200	70.00	10	280.00	178.13	101.87		10.00
Spencer	A. B. Rohrbach	1	1	100			100.00	75.84	24.16		8.00
Williamstown	J. Knots	2	1	232	100.00	P.	332.00	234.00	98.00		20.00
"	Edw. M. Pherson	1	1	100			100.00	71.82	28.18		
Harrisville	S. Steele	1	1	232	140.00	P.	372.00	372.00		5.00	7.30
West Union	J. S. Hall	1	1	200	150.00	25	375.00	245.58	129.42		25.00
Middlebourne	F. Guthrie	1	1	200	118.00	P.	318.00	259.60	58.40	2.35	30.25
Sistersville	R. Brooks	1	1	100			100.00	100.00			
Glenville	T. Hughes	1	1	100			100.00	100.00			
Charleston District.	TOTAL	6	5	\$2,232	\$1,100.00	\$135	\$3,467.00	\$2,795.97	\$ 671.03	\$ 7.35	\$148.05
Charleston Dist.	A. A. Reger, P. E.	1	2	264	236.00	150	600.00	600.00			60.00
Charleston Sta.	R. A. Arthur	2	1	256	394.00	150	800.00	650.00	150.00		30.00
Malden	U. Pribble	1	1	100	22.50		122.50	122.50			5.00
Mountain Cove	W. H. Shaw	1	1	200	100.00		300.00	217.60	82.40		
Summersville	C. Conner	1	1	240	160.00		400.00	400.00			57.00
Fork Lick	I. B. Coburn	1	1	100			100.00	54.96	45.04		8.00
Sutton	J. B. Pinchen	1	1	100			100.00	84.25	15.75		8.00
Calhoun	E. L. Nicholson	1	1	206	110.00		326.00	261.37	64.63	35	25.00
Elk River	J. Sanford	1	1	100			100.00	61.87	38.13		10.00
Charleston Ct.	P. Greene	1	1	100			100.00	94.25	5.75	2.00	4.39
Buffalo	J. M. C. Warden	1	1	216	156.00	86	458.00	458.00			27.80
Hartford City	H. Stevens	1	1	190	100.00	50	336.00	336.00	200.00	8.69	20.00
Point Pleasant	S. Jones	4	1	296			100.00	70.00	30.00		10.00
"	J. B. Ford	1	1	100			100.00	100.00			
Guyandotte District.	TOTAL	6	8	\$2,272	\$1,368.50	\$436	\$4,042.50	\$3,470.80	\$ 637.70	\$11.04	\$255.20
Guyandotte Dist.	Thos. Munroe, P. E.	2	3	300	341.00	75	720.00	560.00	160.00		
" & Catb'g Ct.	G. W. Richmond	1	1	200	125.00	54	379.00	333.50	45.50		25.00
Wayne Circuit	R. Northcraft	1	1	100			100.00	70.00	30.00		10.00
"	A. B. Smith	1	1	100			100.00	70.00	30.00		10.00
Sandy	J. J. S. P. Carr	1	1	100			100.00	100.00			16.00
Cole River	B. Darlington	2	2	248	100.00		348.00	247.00	100.10		11.00
Fayette	E. C. Wayman	1	1	200	25.00		225.00	80.00	145.00		5.00
Raleigh	P. Vandervort	1	1	216	100.00	50	366.00	288.03	77.97		20.00
Putnam	J. B. Feather	1	2	264	125.00		389.00	255.62	133.38		13.00
Monticello	A. R. Crislip	1	2	248	80.00		328.00	232.00	96.00		12.00
Wyoming	R. Hagan	1	2	248			328.00	232.00	96.00		12.00
TOTAL		4	9	\$1,976	\$ 896.00	\$ 79	\$3,055.00	\$2,237.05	\$ 817.95		\$122.00

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN—"Grace to you, and peace from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ." Inasmuch as the Ministers and members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Virginia are at this time grossly misrepresented, and sentiments are ascribed to them which they utterly reject, we deem it our duty, as your pastors, to repel those misrepresentations by an appeal to facts, and a brief declaration of our principles on the subject of Slavery, as embodied in our Book of Discipline.

I. Our sentiments, for which we have been denounced as enemies of the State, are simply such as were approved by Washington, Jefferson, Monroe, and other eminent statesmen of Virginia. Our General Rule on Slavery has not been changed in any respect for more than *fifty years*; and the section of our Discipline on slavery has stood unaltered for thirty-six years; and we are moreover determined to maintain them as they are. Every imputation, then, which represents us as inimical to the State, is just as groundless as it would have been if cast upon our fathers forty or fifty years ago.

As ministers of the Gospel, it always has been, and still is, our *duty* and *business*, simply to promote the moral and religious improvement of masters and servants, by enforcing the precepts and exhortations of the New Testament which prescribe their duties and their obligations. "Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed. And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them because they are brethren, but rather do them service because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort. If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness, he is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings." (1 Tim. 6: 1-4.) "Servants be obedient to them that are your masters, according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; not with eye-service, as men-pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; with good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free. And ye, masters, do the same things unto them; forbearing threatening:

knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him." (Eph. 6: 5-9.) "Art thou called being a servant? care not for it; but if thou mayest be free, [legally,] use it rather." (1 Cor. 7: 21.) "Masters give unto your servants that which is just and equal: knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven." (Col. 4: 1.) You, beloved brethren, who know "after what manner" we "have been with you at all seasons," know also, that intent upon the reformation and salvation of sinners, whether "bond or free," and laboring to please every man "for his good to edification," we have, in accordance with these instructions of St. Paul, "taught you publicly, and from house to house."

II. We are taught of God, "in his written word, which is the only rule, and the sufficient rule both of our faith and practice," that it is our duty as Christian citizens, to pay due respect to the authority of civil rulers. This duty we have faithfully performed. We have diligently endeavored to promote the peace and prosperity of the State, assured that "in the peace thereof" we shall ourselves "have peace." Our twenty-third Article of Religion has proclaimed for more than seventy years, that "the President, the Congress, the General Assemblies, the Governors and the Councils of State, *as the delegates of the people*, are the rulers of the United States of America, according to the division of power made to them by the Constitution of the United States, and by the Constitutions of the respective States." And, for the last *forty years*, a note has been added to this Article, which says—"As far as it respects civil affairs, we believe it the duty of Christians, and especially of Christian ministers, to be subject to the supreme authority of the country where they may reside, *and to use all laudable means to enjoin obedience to the powers that be.*"

That the ministers and members of our Church, as peaceable, law-abiding citizens, have acted in unison with these cherished principles, rendering "unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's;" "tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor;" and submitting "to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake," is a fact which is "known and read of all men." Even our chief adversaries, who, bearing a sectional name, endeavor to array against us sectional passion and prejudice, never hesitate to receive our ministers and members into their Church. Thus is our fidelity as citizens conceded, "even our enemies themselves being judges."

III. While as faithful citizens we cheerfully sustain the government of the State, we deem it a sacred duty to assert and maintain our rights; to claim the protection of the government under which we live, and all the immunities of citizens; and to resist by argument and all laudable and legal means, those who would substitute the lawless fury of mobs for courts and juries, in order to wrest from us our civil and religious liberty. The Virginia Bill of Rights affirms that—"The freedom of the press is one of the great bulwarks of liberty, and can never be restrained but by despotic governments," and that "all men are equally entitled to the free exercise of religion, according to the dictates of conscience." The "*Act for establishing religious freedom*," drawn by Mr. Jefferson, and passed (with some alterations in the preamble) by the General Assembly of 1785, and which is still the law of the State, provides—"That no man shall be compelled to frequent or support any religious worship, place or ministry whatsoever,

nor shall be enforced, restrained, molested or burthened, in his body or goods, nor shall otherwise suffer on account of his religious opinions or belief; but that all men shall be free to profess, and by argument to maintain their opinion in matters of religion, and that the same shall in no wise diminish, enlarge, or affect their civil capacities." (Code of Virginia, p. 360.) And this provision of the act forms a part of the "Amended Constitution and Form of Government for this commonwealth," which also provides that—"The Legislature shall not prescribe any religious test whatever," and that "It shall be left to every person to select his religious instructor, and to make for his support, such private contract as he may please."

Here, then, beloved brethren, we have secured to us by the supreme law of the State, all the liberty we desire. And all the liberty and protection thus promised us by the Constitution, we claim for ourselves and for our brethren, "as free and not using" that liberty "for a cloak of maliciousness," or as a pretext for exciting sedition or treason, "but as the servants of God," who "must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but for conscience' sake."

IV. Finally, dear brethren, it affords us unspeakable pleasure to assure you in connection with our Christian salutations, that the numerous societies under our pastoral care, embracing a membership of about twenty-two thousand, are generally in a healthy and flourishing condition; and with adoring gratitude for the numerous blessings conferred upon us by our heavenly Father, we will enter upon the duties and toils of another year, with renewed ardor, resolved to "spend and be spent" in the work of spreading scriptural holiness through our land. And we humbly trust that "the things which have happened unto" us, including all the revilings which we have patiently endured, will ultimately fall out "rather to the furtherance of the Gospel," and that a better day will soon dawn upon us. If, however, suffering for conscience' sake should fall to our lot, let us "endure hardness" as good soldiers. "If ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye, and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled," but commit yourselves to Him that "judgeth righteously." Yea, "commit the keeping" of your souls "to Him in well doing as unto a faithful Creator." "If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth on you." "And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?" "But let none of you suffer * * * as an evil-doer, or as a busybody in other men's matters." "For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men." Thus living, brethren; exercising ourselves "to have always a conscience void of offense toward God, and toward men;" and "perfecting holiness in the fear of God," we may rejoice and "glory in tribulation," singing as did Luther in the darkest and most tempestuous periods of the Reformation—"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea." "The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge." "Therefore, beloved brethren, be

ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

J. DRUMMOND,
G. BATTELLE,
M. TICHENELL.

J. Drummond,	L. Park,	R. A. Arthur,
G. Martin,	J. L. Irwin,	W. H. Shaw,
G. J. Nixon,	B. Ison,	C. Conner,
J. J. Dolliver,	H. C. Sanford,	Philip Green,
G. W. Arnold,	J. M. Snodgrass,	A. Stevens,
F. Ball,	W. C. Wilson,	H. Stevens,
D. O. Stewart,	R. M. Wallace,	S. Jones,
S. King,	H. D. Rice,	T. H. Monroe,
W. R. Carroll,	R. L. Brooks,	G. W. Richmond,
A. Hall,	C. King,	R. Northcraft,
J. W. Reger,	J. B. Blakeney,	P. Vandervort,
W. E. Williamson,	T. H. Trainer,	A. R. Crislip,
W. Hunter,	J. M. Powell,	R. Hagan,
G. Battelle,	W. L. Hindman,	A. Bower,
J. S. Patterson,	A. J. Lyda,	J. B. Feather,
J. L. Clark,	W. Smith,	J. B. Pinchen,
V. Sandford,	S. E. Steele,	J. Cook,
D. H. K. Dix,	J. W. W. Bolton,	U. Pribble,
M. Tichenell,	J. Knotts,	A. B. Rorhbaugh,
W. R. How,	S. Steele,	D. Cool,
S. R. Dawson,	J. S. Hall,	E. Ford,
R. L. Woodyard,	F. Guthrie,	E. S. Wilson,
J. M. Phelps,	T. Hughs,	E. C. Wayman.
M. Allen,	A. A. Reger,	

73. Absent, 11.

Next Session of Conference to be held in Wheeling, Virginia.

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BISHOP BAKER, - - - - - PRESIDING.

THE WESTERN VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church, commenced its Fourteenth Annual Session, in Wheeling, Virginia, March 13th, 1861—Bishop Baker, presiding.

Conference was opened with religious services, conducted by the Bishop: after which, Samuel Steel was elected Secretary, and R. L. Woodyard and J. Wesley Webb, Assistant Secretaries.

J. B. Blakeney was appointed Secretary to prepare the Conference Minutes for publication.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

On Sunday Schools.—B. Ison, J. M. Phelps, S. Jones.

On Tracts.—J. S. Hall, G. W. Richmond, Wm. H. Shaw.

On Bibles.—J. L. Clark, J. B. Feather, C. King.

On Temperance.—E. C. Wayman, L. Park, F. Guthrie.

Post Offices.—D. H. K. Dix.

Public Worship.—The Presiding Elder of Wheeling District, and the preachers stationed in Wheeling and South Wheeling.

On Periodicals.—W. Hunter, J. L. Clark, J. B. Blakeney, R. A. Arthur, U. Pribble and George J. Nixon.

On Missions.—James Drummond, G. Battelle, John L. Irwin, John W. Reger, A. A. Reger and Thos. H. Monroe.

Board of Stewards—Ministerial.—G. W. Arnold, J. S. Patterson, R. M. Wallace, R. Northcraft, Calvin Connor, H. Stevens.

Board of Stewards—Lay—James Wilson, William W. Harper, J. T. Hickman, Charles Ruckman.

On Education.—A. Martin, M. Tichnell, R. A. Arthur, J. B. Blakeney, A. J. Lyda, Dr. E. Conaway, Dr. T. H. Logan and George M. Hagan.

On State of the Church.—G. Martin, M. Tichnell, J. B. Blakeney, A. J. Lyda, R. A. Arthur, H. Stevens, Dr. T. H. Logan, Wm. W. Harper.

The Conference sermon was preached by Rev. A. Martin, in the morning of the first day of the session, from Matt. 22: 34-40, and Mark 12: 28-34; previous to which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to a large company of ministers and laymen.

Disciplinary Questions.

QUESTION I. *Who are admitted on trial?*

ANSWER. Edward W. Ryan, William D. Warman.

Q. II. *Who remain on trial?*

A. Samuel Hitchens, Harvey Wallace, J. C. Bolton, A. J. Lyon, James M. Warden, Thomas M. Leslie, Moses Doolittle.

Q. III. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

A. John S. Carroll, John B. Ford, E. L. Nicholson, B. F. Rodgers, Benjamin Darlington, W. E. Stevens, L. D. Casto, James Sandford, Allen B. Smith, M. V. B. White and William H. Wiley.

Q. IV. *Who are the Deacons?*

A. John S. Carroll*, J. B. Ford*, Elisha L. Nicholson*, Benjamin F. Rodgers*, William E. Stevens*, Lorenzo D. Casto*, James Sandford*, Allen B. Smith*, Martin V. B. White*, U. Pribble, A. B. Rohrbough, Eugenius Ford, E. C. Wayman, J. B. Pinchman, Daniel Cool, Benjamin Darlington.

Q. V. *Who have been elected and ordained elders this year?*

A. J. W. W. Bolton, F. H. J. King, G. W. Richmond, Charles King, Thos. B. Hughes, W. C. Wilson, H. D. Rice, Samuel E. Steel.

Q. VI. *Who have located this year?*

A. S. R. Griffith, J. W. W. Bolton, W. E. Stevens, E. C. Wayman, J. Cook.

Q. VII. *Who are the superannuated preachers?*

A. J. Birkett, G. Jones, D. A. M'Ginniss, J. B. West, A. Dixon, A. Stevens, M. Tichnell, A. R. Crislip, R. L. Brooks.

Those marked thus (*) were ordained this year.

Q. VIII. *Who have withdrawn from the connection this year?*

A. S. R. Dawson.

Q. IX. *Were all the preachers' characters examined?*

A. This was strictly attended to by calling over their names before the Conference.

Q. X. *Who have died this year?*

A. None.

Q. XI. *What is the number of members, and what of probationers?*

A. Members, 18,410; probationers, 3,382; Local preachers, 193.

Q. XII. *What amounts are necessary for superannuated preachers, the widows and orphans of preachers, and to make up the deficiency of those who have not received their regular allowance from the Circuits?*

A. \$5,481 62.

Q. XIII. *What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?*

A. Centenary Fund,	- - - - -	\$22 30
Chartered Fund,	- - - - -	25 00
Conference and Necessitous Collection,	- - - - -	99 30

Total amount received to distribute,	- - - - -	\$146 60
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Stationery,	- - -	\$ 1 25	B. Darlington,	- - -	5 00
T. M. Leslie,	- - -	23 00	J. M. Warden,	- - -	5 00
Widow Summers,	- - -	10 00	J. S. Carroll,	- - -	5 00
Bro. Freeland's child,	- - -	10 00	A. R. Crislip,	- - -	5 00
A. Dixon,	- - -	10 00	J. B. Feather,	- - -	10 00
M. Allen,	- - -	5 00	James Sandford,	- - -	5 00
V. Sandford,	- - -	5 00	R. Wallace,	- - -	5 00
R. Northcraft,	- - -	10 00	R. A. Arthur,	- - -	2 40
C. King,	- - -	10 00	G. Jones,	- - -	5 00
J. S. Hall,	- - -	5 00			
F. H. J. King,	- - -	10 00	Total,	- - -	\$146 65

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. W. ARNOLD, *Chairman.*

Q. XIV. *What has been contributed for the support of Missions: what for Sunday School Union; what for the publication and circulation of Tracts; and what to aid the American Bible Society?*

A. For Missions, from

Circuits and Stations,	- - -	\$1,247 28
Annual subscriptions of Preachers,	- - -	66 00
Anniversary Meeting,	- - -	35 00
Sunday School Union,	- - -	59 24
Tract Cause,	- - -	30 08
American Bible Cause,	- - -	41 04
		\$1,478 64

Q. XV. *Where are the Preachers stationed this year?*

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

JAS. DRUMMOND, P. E.
 Morgantown, James B. Blakeny.
 Morgantown Ct., Franklin Ball,
 Samuel Hitchens.
 Monongalia, David O. Stuart; one
 to be supplied.
 Brandonville, J. W. Curry, M. V.
 B. White.
 Grantsville, P. Vandervort, W.
 D. Warman.
 Kingwood, George W. Arnold;
 one to be supplied.
 Oakland, James J. Dolliver.
 St. George, J. C. Bolton.
 Evansville, Levi Park.
 Fetterman and Grafton, J. W.
 Webb; one to be supplied.
 Palatine, James S. Hall; one to
 be supplied.
 W. Hunter, Professor of Hebrew
 and Biblical Literature, Alle-
 gheny College, member of Mor-
 gantown Quarterly Conference.
 T. Dougherty, Principal of Mor-
 gantown Female Collegiate In-
 stitute, member of Morgantown
 Quarterly Conference.

WHEELING DISTRICT.

G. BATTELLE, P. E.
 Wheeling, Fourth Street, Wesley
 Smith.
 Wheeling, North Street, James
 L. Clark.
 Wheeling, Chapline Street, Gide-
 on Martin.
 South Wheeling, Henry Sandford.
 Grave Creek, Thomas H. Trainer,
 Moses Doolittle.
 Triadelphia, William R. Howe.
 Marshall, Richard L. Woodyard,
 A. B. Smith.
 Elizabethtown and Moundsville,
 George W. Richmond.
 New Martinsville, D. H. K. Dix;
 one to be supplied.
 Short Creek and Liberty, W. E.
 Williamson.

Greene, Philip Greene.

Blacksville, J. B. Feather; one to
 be supplied.
 Mannington, Spencer King; one
 to be supplied.

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

JOHN L. IRWIN, P. E.
 Clarksburg, to be supplied.
 West Milford, John M. Powell,
 H. Wallace.
 Weston, Asbury B. Rohrbough.
 Frenchton, Richard M. Wallace.
 Pruntytown, B. Ison; one to be
 supplied.
 Salem, one to be supplied.
 Phillippi, W. L. Hindman, one
 to be supplied.
 Buckhannon, J. W. Snodgrass, H.
 D. Rice.
 Upshur, Eugenius Ford.
 Fairmont, Jacob S. Patterson.
 Lumberport, Marcellus Allen; 1
 to be supplied.
 Beverly, W. C. Wilson.
 Marion, A. Hall; 1 to be supplied.
 A. Martin, Professor of Greek
 Language and Literature, Al-
 legheny College, member of
 Clarksburg Quarterly Confer-
 ence.

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

JOHN W. REGER, P. E.
 Parkersburg, Samuel Steele.
 Elizabeth, Francis Guthrie, W.
 H. Wiley.
 Murraysville, Vanlinden Sanford.
 Newark, A. J. Lyda.
 Ripley, Andrew W. Gregg.
 Spencer, Thomas B. Hughes.
 Williamston, Charles King.
 Harrisville, George J. Nixon, J.
 B. Pinchen.
 West Union, Daniel E. Cool.
 Middlebourne, Samuel E. Steel.
 Sistersville, Richard Northcraft.
 Glenville, Benjamin F. Rodgers.

KANAWHA DISTRICT.

T. H. MONROE, P. E.
 Charleston, Henry Stevens.
 Malden, John B. Ford.
 Charleston Ct., E. L. Nicholson.
 Buffalo, Calvin Conner.
 Point Pleasant, A. A. Reger, U.
 Pribble.
 Hartford City, John M. Phelps.
 Putnam and Monticello, William
 H. Shaw.
 Guyandotte and Catlettsburg, R.
 Brooks.
 Wayne, Thomas M. Leslie; one
 to be supplied.
 Sandy, Benjamin Hagar.
 Coal River, John S. Carroll.
 Elk River and Calhoun, A. J. Ly-
 ons; one to be supplied.

Hamline, Robert Hagar.
 Summerville and Mountain Cove,
 Benj. Darlington, E. M. Ryan.
 Sutton and Addison, James M.
 Warden, L. D. Casto.
 Fayette and Raleigh, F. H. J.
 King; one to be supplied.
 Wyoming and Logan, J. Sandford.
 R. A. Arthur, Professor of Math-
 ematics, Ohio University, mem-
 ber of Charleston Quarterly
 Conference.

TRANSFERRED.

Samuel Jones, transferred to
 Western Iowa Conference.
 A. Bower, transferred to Cen-
 tral Illinois Conference.

Next Session to be held at Point Pleasant.

COMMUNICATION FROM MORGANTOWN SEMINARY.

MORGANTOWN, March 11, 1861.

To the Bishop and Members of the Western Virginia Conference:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN.—The recurrence of your annual session reminds us of our obligation to report to you the condition of the "Morgantown Female Collegiate Institute," which has been re-organized since the last meeting of your Conference, under an amended charter, obtained from the Legislature of Virginia. This charter gives us the privilege of conferring degrees, &c. We are happy to say, that, notwithstanding a multiplicity of unfavorable circumstances, we have, during the past year, enjoyed a reasonable degree of prosperity. Our former worthy Principal, Rev. A. S. Hank, A. M., having resigned, the Board of Trustees have filled his place by electing Rev. T. Dougherty, A. M., M. D., of the East Baltimore Conference, late adjunct Professor of Mathematics in Dickinson College, and formerly in charge of the Department of Practical Anatomy in the Washington University, of Baltimore.

All the departments of instruction are now well sustained. The course of study is liberal and comprehensive—the government and discipline, uniform and salutary. We feel justified in repeating a declaration made a year ago, that this institution affords superior facilities for the acquirement of a thorough education. Our Library, though small, is well selected; our Chemical and Philosophical Apparatus ample, and our cabinet of natural specimens gradually increasing. In addition to the regular course of instruction, we have had, during the winter, a popular course of Lectures on Chemistry, delivered by the Principal. The community has shown its appreciation of these lectures by crowding our hall each lecture night.

Our Institution, though sustaining a valuable relation to your Conference, has never asked it to assume any pecuniary obligations, nor do we now ask it. We only come to solicit your influence; and may we not reasonably expect that much.

Hoping, dear brethren that you may have a pleasant and harmonious session, we are

Yours very Truly,

GEO. M. HAGANS,
R. L. BERKSHIRE
W. WAGNER,
PHILIP RODGERS,
J. V. BOUGHNER,
GEO. M. REAY,
ELISHA COOMBS.

} Trustees.

Reports.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg leave to report that in their estimation the subject of Christian education is scarcely second in interest and importance to any other connected with the welfare of the Church and of the world. Ignorance and error are among the strongest supports of Satan's empire; and against these has heavenly wisdom ever sought, in schools and seminaries of learning, to lift up her voice of truth and love. Nor has this been done without effect. All through the ages God has blessed in a very marked degree this special department of Christian effort, fully justifying all the expenditure, mental, moral, and material, which has been devoted to it, and thereby affording a warrant for larger and still more earnest endeavor.

I.

In regard to those institutions of learning under the immediate control and patronage of this Conference we remark that ALLEGHENY COLLEGE (which sustains, also, the same relation to the Pittsburgh and Erie Conferences) still holds on in its high career of usefulness and honor. The Committee, and we doubt not the whole Conference, cordially welcome among us, and fully reciprocate the sentiments of confidence and commendation expressed by the Trustees in their annual Report, towards the distinguished Christian gentleman and scholar, Rev. G. Loomis, D. D., who has been chosen to succeed the lamented Dr. Barker in the Presidency of the institution. Nor do they hesitate to say that it is due to him, and those with whom he is called to labor, as well as to the cause of sanctified learning, to which this Conference has been early and fully committed, that a renewed endeavor should be made to add to the resources and efficiency of this, the oldest and most honored of our schools in the great Mississippi Valley. It is now about 15 years since any special effort has been made in this direction. During this period other Institutions of a similar grade have been multiplying around us. All the resources of the Church and the country have been greatly developed. Every sign of the times demands that progress and enlargement should be our motto in regard to Allegheny College. God has wonderfully blessed this Institution. Scores and hundreds of youth have gone from its halls to occupy and ornament the highest positions of influence and usefulness in the Church and the world, at home and abroad. During the last term a gracious revival of religion has taken place, resulting in

the addition, beside those who joined other churches, of over one hundred to our society in Meadville, and many of these among the most promising of the young men attending the College. Everything seems to justify and demand at our hands a united, and hearty, and liberal response to the suggestions for its still greater usefulness presented in the report of the Trustees. In doing this your Committee, after carefully weighing the whole matter, unanimously agree to recommend as the most feasible method which we can adopt for present and immediate action, the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That the sermon on education be preached during the month of May on all the charges through the bounds of this Conference, and with special presentation of the claims of Allegheny College.

2. In view of the necessity of enlarging the Board of Instruction, it is deemed desirable that at least \$500 be raised by us for the College, either by public collections or private subscriptions.

3. That public collections be taken whenever practicable, and that private subscriptions and donations be solicited.

4. That the members of the Faculty be requested to co-operate with the preachers in raising funds for the College.

5. That M. Tichnell, J. W. Webb, G. M. Hagans and H. K. List be a Committee to attend the annual Examination and Commencement of the College.

6. That J. Drummond, G. Battelle, Hon. W. T. Willey and C. D. Hubbard, Esq., be appointed to represent this Conference in the Board of Control during the ensuing year.

II.

The Committee would further report, in reply to the communication laid before them from the Trustees of the N. W. Academy, the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That A. J. Lyda, G. Battelle and J. L. Irwin be a committee in behalf of the Western Virginia Conference, to confer with a Committee appointed by the Trustees of the above Academy, and that they be instructed to demand the movable property about the building, or pay for the same in case the connection between the Conference and the Trustees be dissolved.

2. That the interest now due on the Educational Fund be equally divided between the Morgantown Collegiate Institute and the Fairmont Seminary.

III.

In regard to the Morgantown Female Collegiate Institute, your Committee would further report that the annual communication from the Board of Trustees affords such gratifying evidence of enterprise and liberality by the people of that place as calls not only for our approval, but also for our most earnest sympathy and active co-operation in recommending this deserving and popular College to the support and patronage of the friends and members of our Church. Therefore,

Resolved, That we confidently recommend the Morgantown Female Collegiate Institute to the support and patronage of the people among whom we labor, and pledge ourselves to endeavor to secure the attendance of pupils.

IV.

FAIRMONT MALE AND FEMALE SEMINARY.

We have received no official communication from this Institution, but are pleased to learn through brother Blakeney, who has been acting as agent for the Seminary for the last two years, that it is doing well. Notwithstanding the excitement and pressure of the times, the school has never been better attended than during the last two terms. We understand that arrangements are being made for the better accommodation of boarders in the Seminary than have ever been effected before, so that a reasonable number of boarders may be satisfactorily accommodated. We have every confidence in Prof. W. R. White as an educator of youth, and recommend to the Conference the following resolutions.

Resolved, That we will recommend the Fairmont Male and Female Seminary to all who are seeking an education for their children.

Resolved, That J. Drummond, J. L. Irwin, and the preacher in charge of Fairmont Station be a Committee to attend the annual examination of this Institute, and report through the columns of the *Pittsburgh Christian Advocate*.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. MARTIN,	} Committee.
MOSES TICHNELL,	
J. B. BLAKENEY,	
A. J. LYDA,	
R. A. ARTHUR,	
G. W. HAGANS,	
T. H. LOGAN,	

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The periodical press is a mighty agency in the world. By it, and through it, in a reading country like ours, the masses are chiefly moved. The utterances of the periodical press stir up or calm the great heart of the nation at will. In times of commotion, with what interest every man waits for his paper—daily or weekly! How much good, how much evil, is this wonderful engine capable of effecting! In these last days the Church, also, has wisely—perhaps we should say providentially—laid her hand upon this instrumentality. She has not only her ponderous quarterlies, and her graceful monthlies, but her well-freighted weeklies; and may we not hope that she will soon take an "advance step," and have her light-winged dailies, also, flying all over the land.

Our own Church is not the least among the thousands of Israel, in the publication and circulation of this species of literature. No

church papers in the land are better patronized, or more largely circulated, than ours. Still we have only begun to do what is possible to be done in this department. Vigorous efforts in particular cases demonstrate what may be accomplished. Our German preachers, it is said, put a paper into nearly every German Methodist family. Even many of their single men and women take their *Apologist*. The putting of their names on the church books, and the putting of them on the subscription books of the church papers, seem to go together, and to be regarded as a part of the same transaction. There is hope for the German section of the Church in this fact.

The circulation of our periodicals is too much neglected by many of our preachers. We can never have a truly living, active membership—a membership sympathizing with the great, benevolent and literary enterprises of the Church, until we scatter among them more abundantly our periodical literature. The Missionary Society does wisely in sending out the *Missionary Advocate* gratis. What is spent in this way is "bread cast upon the waters," to be seen after many days. It is hoped that all the preachers of this Conference will remember that a liberal supply of this paper can be obtained without cost, to disseminate among their people, containing just such thrilling statements of facts as the eloquent Missionary Secretary made to us during this Session. The larger circulation of that paper will tend to instruct the minds and open the hearts of our people in respect to the Missionary cause.

The Sunday School department of our Church is now, also, well represented in our periodical literature. The *Sunday School Advocate*, and the *Sunday School Teacher's Journal* should be largely diffused among our children and teachers.

In making this recommendation we assume that the editor of the *S. S. Advocate*, will hereafter omit its only objectionable feature, heretofore, viz., an occasional scrap of an offensively partisan character. This point being guarded, we should hope for it a large circulation among us, as it is otherwise an excellent paper, and well adapted for usefulness in its particular sphere.

Your Committee cannot too earnestly urge upon all the preachers of this Conference the importance of taking for themselves the *Methodist Quarterly Review*, and obtaining for it as many subscribers as possible. It is admitted, on all hands, to be one of the best works of the kind in the country. Its literary character is a credit to our Church; and it is almost a necessity to our preachers for their own intellectual culture. The numbers can easily be preserved, and will, in time, constitute a collection of papers of great value. Brethren subscribe for the *Quarterly*.

The *Ladies' Repository*, published by the agent at Cincinnati, is one of the most beautiful and widely circulated monthly magazines in the country; and is conducted in a manner highly honorable to the Church. We cannot too strongly recommend it to the favor of our preachers and people.

The general Church papers circulating among us are the *Christian Advocate and Journal*; the *Western Christian Advocate*, and the *Pittsburgh Christian Advocate*. All of them are ably conducted, and furnish interesting and profitable reading. Some persons will, for various reasons, prefer one, and some another of these papers. Perhaps none of them are wholly unobjectionable to us. But those who are in the habit of reading papers know that some things, not in accordance with their tastes, are to be endured, for the sake of much that is. In this sphere some Christian forbearance is requisite, in the different sections of the Church, towards each other, and toward our editors. These editors are placed in difficult and trying positions, and their very moderation is liable, in times of excitement, to be attributed to partisanship. Our editors should have our prayers that they may be divinely guided in the discharge of their duties.

Of all the General Conference papers, the *Pittsburgh Christian Advocate* circulates the most extensively among us; and has always been regarded as our Conference organ, as well as the organ of two neighboring Conferences. There is a marked advantage in having one paper of general circulation within our Conference bounds, as we are thereby able to reach more directly the minds of our people. In carrying out the great benevolent and literary enterprises of the Church, such a generally diffused medium is of very great utility and advantage. From these and other considerations, the Committee think it highly desirable that the circulation of the *Pittsburgh paper* should be greatly increased.

We are inclined to the belief that if the paper were enlarged, and restored again to the quarto form, it would add greatly to our facility in getting subscribers for it. We suggest to those having charge of the paper the propriety of making such changes.

The *Methodist*, a paper published by private enterprise, in the city of New York, has obtained a respectable subscription within our Conference. It is a large, handsome and well-conducted religious and family journal, meeting with great favor among many of our preachers and people; and, from what we can learn, its influence, thus far, has been highly conservative of our peace and promotive of the prosperity of the Church.

Of course our people and preachers will be governed by their own tastes and judgment in the patronage of particular religious papers. We only admonish them to patronize those which are true to the Church, and contribute to its peace and unity. "Mark them which cause divisions and offenses among you, contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, and avoid them."

W. HUNTER,
R. A. ARTHUR,
G. J. NIXON,
J. B. BLAKENEY,
J. L. CLARK,
U. PRIBBLE,

} Committee.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee do not deem it necessary to present a lengthy report, as the organization of, and our relation to, the American Bible Society, and the success which has attended it, are known to the members of this Conference. We wish, however, to present a few facts in relation to the operations of the Society, with a view to elicit the hearty co-operation of the Western Virginia Conference. It is the object of the Society, not only to supply the wants of our own State and nation, but the nations of the earth, with the word of God, without note or comment.

By reference to the Last Annual Report of the American Bible Society, we find that the total number of books issued since the formation of the Society is 14,278,881; the entire number of volumes issued this year is 753,772, being an increase of 32,183. Among the books issued were 271 volumes in raised letters, for the use of the blind. The Society is publishing the sacred Scriptures in thirty different languages.

Our Missionaries in foreign lands report an increasing demand for the Holy Scriptures over any previous year. 58,860 volumes have been distributed to supply the demand. The total amount of gratuitous distributions for the past year is \$47,628 80, being an increase of \$9,535 33 in advance of the previous year, exclusive of about \$75,000 donated by the Auxiliary Societies, which would make a total of \$122,628 80.

This is encouraging. And being encouraged by the past and present success of the American Bible Society, and finding that only \$37 26 cents has been raised within our bounds last year, for this good cause, your Committee offer for adoption, the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the Bible Cause demands, if possible, more than ever, the sympathy and labors of both preachers and people.

Resolved, That a sermon be preached, or lecture delivered, and a collection taken up in every charge in this Conference, wherever, in the judgment of the preacher, it is advisable and practicable.

J. L. CLARK,

J. B. FEATHER,

C. KING,

} Committee.

WHEELING, Va., March 18, 1860.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, There has been, during the past year, a falling off in the number of Sabbath Schools, scholars, conversions, and in the collections for the Sabbath School Union; whereas, we regard the Sabbath School as the nursery of the Church, furnishing her with her best ministers and members, therefore,

Resolved, That we will make more earnest and vigorous efforts for the promotion of the glory of God, in our several charges, through the instrumentality of Sabbath Schools.

Resolved, That the books published by our own Union are better adapted to the wants of our schools than any others, and we will endeavor to supply them with these only.

Resolved, That the *Sunday School Advocate* and *Teachers' Journal* are worthy of our patronage, and should be circulated freely among our children and youth.

Resolved, That we will take collections in *all* our charges for the Sunday School Union, during the ensuing year, and if any should fail to do so, we will regard him as being guilty of neglecting a most important duty.

Resolved, That we will hold a Sunday School Anniversary at the next session of our Annual Conference.

Resolved, That the preachers in charge of Districts and Stations be requested to have their Sunday School Reports prepared before they come to Conference, and give them to the Committee on Sabbath Schools at an early day in the session, as this will save both time and trouble.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

I.

The Committee on the State of the Church, to whom was referred a number of communications from different parts of our Conference, in regard to the action of the last General Conference, would respectfully offer the following as their report.

WHEREAS, The General Conference, at its late session at Buffalo, has inserted a new chapter in our Book of Discipline, on the subject of slavery; and, whereas, there exists some difference of opinion as to its meaning; and, whereas, uniformity in administration, and harmony among ourselves are very desirable. Therefore,

Resolved, That we deeply regret the action of the General Conference, changing the chapter on slavery, regarding such action as unnecessary.

Resolved, That in our judgment, as a Conference, the new chapter is not to be regarded as *law*; that no administrative or judicial action can be had *under* it, against any member or minister; and that we are left under it to be governed by the Scriptures, amenable as individuals for our administration, only to God and our Annual Conference.

Resolved, That we utterly condemn any attempt in any way whatever to interfere with the legal relation of master and servant, and that we will seek to promote, as did our fathers, their best interests by preaching to them the unsearchable riches of Christ, and by teaching them their reciprocal duties as taught in the Holy Scriptures.

G. MARTIN,	} Committee.
R. A. ARTHUR.	
H. STEVENS,	
J. B. BLAKENEY,	
A. J. LYDA,	
W. W. HARPER,	
T. H. LOGAN,	

II.

Resolved, That this Conference highly appreciate and heartily approve of the very able manner in which we were represented by our delegates at the last General Conference, and that they are entitled to our cordial thanks.

G. MARTIN,	} Committee.
R. A. ARTHUR,	
H. STEVENS,	
J. B. BLAKENEY,	
A. J. LYDA,	
W. W. HARPER,	
T. H. LOGAN,	

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to offer the following as their report:

We are convinced that the great evil of intemperance, is not as zealously opposed by our people as the nature of the case demands.

In view of which, we submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we will, as far as it is practicable and expedient, preach and lecture on the subject, and assist in forming temperance organizations, believing them to be efficient aids in reforming the world from this great source of iniquity.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that it is immoral for any member of the M. E. Church, by precept or example, to give any encouragement to the use of spirituous or malt liquors, except for medicinal, mechanical or sacramental purposes.

E. C. WAYMAN,	} Committee.
LEVI PARK,	
F. GUTHRIE,	

TRACT CAUSE.

The Committee to whom was referred the Tract Cause beg leave to report: Only \$27 11 raised for the tract cause during the year. We think the cause demands, and is worthy of a better support; we, therefore commend it to the affections of the Church. For, next to the preaching of the gospel, the printed truth is her instrument of power for the conversion of the world. Would she but grasp this fact with an earnestness corresponding to its importance, she would employ the tract agency with a vigor that would soon place our cause upon an elevation where it would compel the respect, admiration, and support of all earnest workers for the world's redemption.

JAS. S. HALL,	} Committee.
G. W. RICHMOND,	
W. H. SHAW,	

R e s o l u t i o n s .

Having been appointed a Committee to prepare a response to the communication from the Methodist Protestant Church, Western Virginia District, I respectfully submit the following:

WHEREAS, We, the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, have received a communication from the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, expressing the most kindly feelings and an earnest desire to cultivate fraternal relations with this body; and whereas, we deeply sympathize with every movement tending to bring nearer together the different bodies of Christians, and especially the Methodists; therefore,

Resolved, That we heartily reciprocate the brotherly sentiments expressed in the communication from the Methodist Protestant Church, and we hereby assure our brethren of that Church that it affords us high gratification to cultivate a spirit of friendship with them; and hope that whenever individuals of our respective bodies may meet, it may be as brethren having at heart the one great object of spreading scriptural holiness over these lands.

Resolved, That we sincerely regret the affliction which prevented the fraternal messenger of the M. P. Church, Rev. Dr. Lashly, from being present with us; and that we will, at any time hereafter, rejoice to receive messengers from the M. P. Church.

Resolved, That we appoint our respected brethren James Drummond and John L. Irwin, as our representatives to the Western Virginia Conference of the M. P. Church, to bear to them these resolutions, and our respectful Christian greetings.

WHEELING, VA., March 18, 1861.

WM. HUNTER.

Resolved, That Rev. William G. Hobbs, a local elder of this city, (Wheeling), who has been for some time engaged in the work of selling the books published by our Book Concern, is hereby most cordially commended to our people and the public, as a deserving and useful laborer in this important field of Christian effort.

LOCAL PREACHERS ORDAINED DEACONS.—John Woodruff, Harrison H. Hagans, Jeremiah T. Hickman, George Pelly, William W. Harper and William T. Price.

LOCAL DEACONS ORDAINED ELDERS.—William G. Hobbs.

Resolved, That the members of this Conference will, during the coming year, use faithful efforts to carry out our disciplinary plan for the support of missions.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

The following resolutions of thanks were then adopted.

Resolved, 1. That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered, to the citizens of Wheeling, for the generous hospitality and Christian kindness which we have received from them during our session in their midst.

2. That we hereby tender our fraternal acknowledgments to the pastors and people of our sister churches for the brotherly regard and Christian courtesy extended to us by them.

3. That we tender our thanks to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for the privilege of half-fare tickets, granted to members and visitors of Conference.

4. That these resolutions be published in the papers of this place, and in the *Pittsburgh Christian Advocate*.

ALEX. MARTIN,
A. J. LYDA.

WHEREAS, our beloved brother, Rev. R. A. Arthur, has been elected by the Trustees of the Ohio University, in Athens, Ohio, to the Chair of Mathematics in that Institution:

Resolved, That the Bishop be, and is hereby requested, to appoint brother Arthur to said Chair.

J. DRUMMOND,
R. L. WOODYARD.

RESOLUTION ON TOBACCO.

Believing the use of tobacco to be a species of intemperance; injurious to man, mentally, morally and physically; forbidden by the Word of God, and wholly inconsistent with the laws of propriety and decency, "especially in the House of God," where all things should be done decently and in order, we present the following:

Resolved, We will discountenance the using of tobacco under all circumstances, both by precept and example.

Resolved, We will discourage all our young men, who shall be candidates for the ministry, from forming habits of tobacco using.

COMMITTEES ON EXAMINATION.

First Year—G. W. Richmond, R. Brooks, J. B. Feather.

Second Year—A. J. Lyda, J. W. Snodgrass, J. M. Phelps.

Third Year—R. L. Woodyard, J. M. Powell, R. Northcraft.

Fourth Year—H. Stevens, B. Ison, R. M. Wallace.

To Examine Local Preachers for Deacon's Orders—Phillip Greene and Spencer King.

To Examine Local Deacons for Elder's Orders—Robert Hagar, Samuel E. Steele.

To Preach Conference Missionary Sermon—G. Martin; J. S. Patterson, alternate.

STATISTICS

OF

MEMBERS, PROBATIONERS, &c.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.				
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference Claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.
Morgantown District.														
Morgantown Station,....	212	2	3	1	9	8	1	8,000	1	\$ 1800	11 50	306 84	...	5 00
Morgantown Circuit,....	450	3	110	4	38	10	8	3,200	...	...	5 00	12 00	7 00	2 00
Monongalia,....	520	10	29	4	18	9	8	4,300	1	250	...	35 66	9 11	...
Brandenville,....	345	...	68	2	28	6	4	5,500	1	250	...	11 77	...	...
Selbysport,....	275	2	65	2	5	30	5	2,200	...	...	...	4 50	...	...
Kingwood,....	389	9	58	2	15	8	4	2,500	...	...	...	15 37	...	...
Oakland,....	262	4	32	2	...	35	5	2,500	1	375	1 00	23 00	...	...
St. George,....	240	...	24	2	...	6	7	2,000	...	...	...	5 00	...	...
Evansville,....	399	4	23	...	3	36	10	3,300	1	300	...	20 50	...	...
Fetterman and Grafton,...	370	4	59	1	15	33	4	2,500	...	...	11 55	30 00	...	...
Palatine,....	400	3	40	6	12	20	6	4 750	...	...	...	30 00	...	...
TOTAL,.....	3812	41	511	26	143	201	62	40,750	5	\$2,975	29 05	494 64	16 11	7 00
Wheeling District.														
Wheeling—Fourth Street,...	380	5	18	2	6	20	2	13,200	...	...	15 72	128 50	5 00	5 35
“ North Street,....	170	1	19	1	1	21	1	4,500	1	750	6 00	48 22	...	6 50
“ Chapline St.,....	245	2	67	2	4	20	1	4,000	1	1,000	26 00	166 00	...	7 00
Marshall,....	375	2	67	3	31	11	7	4,800	...	...	...	20 80	...	...
Moundsville,....	130	5	21	2	18	3	1	2,000	1	300	...	17 65	...	...
Grave Creek,....	276	8	42	1	13	4	6	3,000	1	300	4 75	22 33	...	...
Littleton,....	216	1	34	4	10	5	3	800	...	...	2 00	12 00	1 00	1 00
Triadelphia,....	242	6	8	2	4	12	3	2,000	1	500	...	14 91	...	...
New Martinsville,....	246	5	22	3	4	12	6	2,000	...	...	...	14 55	...	...
Short Creek and Liberty,...	150	2	8	...	10	...	2	3,000	1	400	...	4 70	...	...
Mannington,....	500	3	212	5	12	5	8	4,000	1	250	...	15 00	...	...
Blacksville,....	350	4	41	3	25	11	4	1,800	...	...	...	7 00	...	...
South Wheeling,....	56	1	5	...	...	5	1	1,500	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL,.....	3336	45	564	28	138	129	45	46,600	7	\$3,500	54 47	461 66	6 00	19 85
Clarksburg District.														
Clarksburg Station,....	82	...	...	...	...	2	1	500	...	...	...	...	...	...
West Milford,....	574	11	72	5	2	14	9	6,500	1	600	...	50 16	...	1 00
Weston,....	175	1	...	...	...	...	1	800	1	800	...	...	...	...
Frenchton,....	525	2	50	8	9	7	12	4,300	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pruntytown,....	373	4	75	6	12	3	7	4,900	1	300	8 60	30 00	1 12	2 25
Phillipi,....	495	6	40	4	28	14	8	3,620	1	150	...	7 08	...	...
Buckhannon,....	404	5	135	4	14	3	7	3,800	...	...	...	25 00	...	...
Webster and Simpson,...	100	...	...	1	...	1	4	1,000	...	...	...	...	...	...
Upshur,....	223	4	68	2	3	...	4	900	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fairmont,....	108	1	4	2	3	16	1	5,000	1	800	...	16 50	...	...
Lumberport,....	359	3	136	3	30	10	8	3,500	...	...	...	...	...	...
Beverly,....	231	5	37	1	...	3	6	1,700	1	500	...	2 31	...	...
Marion,....	515	4	48	2	33	27	7	3,000	1	400	...	20 00	...	...
TOTAL,.....	4164	46	665	38	184	100	75	39,520	7	3,550	3 60	151 05	1 12	3 25

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.				
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference Claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.
Parkersburg District.														
Parkersburg,.....	178	3	81	4	10	12	2	\$3,500	1	1,500	.....	23 89	.....	2 25
Elizabeth,.....	251	4	43	6	12	4	7	2,000	1	225	.....	6 00	.....	.....
Murraysville,.....	100	1	30	2	10	20	4	1,200	.....	.....	1 00	10 00	.....	1 00
Newark,.....	85	1	24	1	10	...	1	150	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....
Ripley,.....	147	2	17	3	4	15	2	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spencer,.....	280	4	49	5	20	14	2	500	1	250	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harrisville,.....	740	12	25	12	6	4	8	2,500	1	400	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Union,.....	279	5	45	2	11	5	4	1,500	.....	.....	.....	17 00	.....	.....
Middlebourne,.....	353	2	46	1	20	3	6	2,700	1	300	.....	.....	1 00	.....
Sistersville,.....	213	4	55	4	10	8	5	3,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Glenville,.....	161	2	20	5	1	15	5	2,250	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Williamstown,.....	208	3	20	5	27	7	6	1,500	1	500	.....	15 94	.....	1 69
TOTAL,.....	2995	43	405	50	141	107	52	21,300	6	3,175	1 00	76 83	1 00	4 94
Charleston District.														
Buffalo,.....	131	3	...	2	2	2	3	2,500	..	.....	.....	1 75	.....	.....
Raleigh,.....	209	..	15	5	8	3	1	150	.....	.....	.....	81 98	85	4 00
Charleston Station,.....	268	4	21	..	26	4	2	6,000	.....	.....	2 40	2 75	.....	.....
Mountain Cove,.....	161	1	23	1	1	16	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00	.....	.....
Fayette,.....	231	3	34	5	10	1	4	600	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....
Summersville,.....	242	1	60	7	12	5	5	800	1	300	.....	10 00	.....	.....
Sutton,.....	214	12	170	2	12	11	2	1,200	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....
Charleston Circuit,.....	183	..	188	2	7	3	2	150	1	300	5 00	10 00	5 00	2 00
Malden,.....	88	..	5	2	30	12	1	1,500	.....	.....	.....	6 34	.....	.....
Calhoun,.....	292	3	70	1	25	6	4	500	1	75	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fork Lick,.....	100	..	12	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elk River,.....	121	..	23	..	.....	.....	2	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL,.....	2240	27	621	27	133	63	27	13,350	3	675	7 40	72 82	5 85	6 00
Guyandotte District.														
Guyandotte,.....	120	3	18	..	10	8	3	4,350	..	.....	.....	7 00	.....	.....
Wayne,.....	350	2	70	5	3	12	4	1,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Monticello,.....	117	1	46	..	4	...	2	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Point Pleasant,.....	189	4	47	1	25	27	4	4,000	.....	.....	8 77	15 00	.....	.....
Hartford City,.....	62	..	10	1	4	6	1	750	.....	.....	.....	4 50	.....	.....
Putnam,.....	114	2	10	2	6	4	4	3,200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hamline,.....	140	..	30	4	.....	.....	4	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coal River,.....	175	..	160	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Logan,.....	260	2	82	2	.....	8	3	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sandy,.....	250	4	60	4	.....	11	2	400	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....
Wyoming,.....	116	4	83	1	.....	2	2	125	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL,.....	1893	22	616	24	52	68	29	16,025	..	.....	8 77	27 50	.....	.....

RECAPITULATION OF MEMBERSHIP, CONTRIBUTIONS, &c.

DISTRICTS.	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	BAPTISMS.		Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Conf. Claimants.	Missionary Soc'y.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	S. School Union.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.
					Adults.	Children.													
Morgantown,.....	3812	41	511	26	143	201	62	\$40,750	5	\$2,975	29 05	494 64	16 11	7 00	18 41	75	690	2936	11444
Wheeling,.....	3336	45	564	28	138	129	45	46,600	7	3,500	54 47	461 66	6 00	19 85	20 65	47	534	3013	8496
Clarksburg,.....	4134	46	665	38	133	100	75	39,520	7	3,550	3 60	151 05	1 12	3 25	.....	48	507	2055	5260
Parkersburg,.....	2995	43	405	50	141	107	52	21,250	6	3,175	1 00	76 83	1 00	4 94	12 68	46	354	1751	4210
Charleston,.....	2240	27	621	27	133	63	27	13,350	3	675	7 40	72 82	5 85	6 00	5 50	27	157	840	1340
Guyandotte,.....	1893	22	616	24	52	68	29	16,025	...	.....	8 77	27 50	.....	.....	2 00	20	202	954	2659
Total,.....	18410	224	3382	193	740	668	290	177,495	28	18,875	104 29	1414 18	30 08	41 04	50 24	263	2444	11449	32409
Last Year,.....	18215	164	4148	188	740	681	286	183,270	29	14,308	225 35	1532 12	23 41	84 96	31 10	270	2529	11678	30810
Increase,.....	195	160	.....	5	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 67	.....	28 14	.....	.....	.....	2599
Decrease,.....	.....	.....	756	.....	.....	13	.....	5,775	1	433	121 06	117 99	.....	43 82	.....	7	85	129	.....

NOTE.—Of the above "Total" of Missionary Money, \$129 68 were collected at the Conference Anniversary.

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

APPOINTMENTS.									
	No. of S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	No. of Bible Classes.	Scholars in Infant Classes.	Expenses of the Schools this year.	Raised for Benevolent purposes.	S. S. Advocates taken.
MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.									
Morgantown.....	1	35	173	500	10	50	55 00	5 00	..
Morgantown Circuit.....	9	124	465	1316	7	50	57 12	4 25	28
Monongalia.....	6	57	250	1080	..	..	..	3 61	15
Brandonville.....	5	45	145	1500	4	35	5 00	..	7
Selbysport.....	6	40	220	600	4	..	..	..	..
Kingwood.....	8	90	300	1200	4	..	42 00	..	10
Oakland.....	10	96	311	1600	..	..	10 50	1 75	4
St. George's.....	9	41	212	872	5	..	25 00	..	3
Evansville.....	11	125	400	1000	25	250	50 00	3 50	10
Fetterman and Grafton.....	7	82	318	976	12	217	38 00	..	3
Palatine.....	4	25	150	500	1	..	15 00	..	12
TOTAL.....	76	760	2896	11444	72	552	306 12	18 11	87 66
WHEELING DISTRICT.									
Wheeling—Fourth Street.....	3	77	437	1916	33	110	297 00	5 00	400 1
“ North Street.....	2	45	250	1365	2	112	..	4 00	55
“ Chapline Street.....	1	27	280	650	7	75	41 85	9 00	100 25
South Wheeling.....	1	20	120	200	2	20	20 00	..	100
Littleton.....	4	12	120	180	..	..	..	1 00	10
Triadelphia.....	3	82	125	440	10	..	40 00	..	10
Grave Creek.....	5	80	240	690	24	50	13 95	1 65	18
Marshall.....	7	42	280	280	21	54	..	..	7
Moundsville.....	1	18	65	225	2	..	21 00	..	..
New Martinsville.....	2	20	70	300	..	..	..	..	10
Short Creek and Liberty.....	3	10	120	300	2	..	..	..	..
Mannington.....	8	71	388	1000	..	..	21 00	..	..
Blacksville.....	7	79	353	1050	8	70	..	..	3 8
TOTAL.....	47	533	2848	8496	111	491	454 80	20 65	706 47
CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.									
Clarksburg.....	1	5	35	100	1	6	..	..	..
West Milford.....	10	99	432	1135	80	83	20 30	1 00	20
Weston.....	1	20	75	250	5	40	15 00	..	..
Frenchton, (no Report.).....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pruntytown.....	4	39	145	520	..	..	11 75	3 98	12
Webster and Simpson, (no Report.).....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Phillipi.....	9	116	464	435	4	..	8 00	..	3
Buckhannon.....	4	39	180	590	6	..	6 00	1 00	28
Upshur.....	2	13	46	125	3	15	..	..	5
Fairmont.....	1	17	85	300	2	70	30 00	..	16
Marion.....	8	80	350	700	2	..	25 00	..	24 12
Lumberport.....	7	73	213	900	6	..	40 00	..	64 10
Beverly.....	1	6	30	150	..	6	..	..	..
TOTAL.....	48	507	2055	5260	59	220	156 05	5 98	104 90
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.									
Parkersburg Station.....	1	23	100	200	4	..	..	..	..
Elizabeth.....	4	30	136	457	4	..	16 00	..	87
Murraysville.....	4	20	150	250	5	100	18 00	..	..
Ripley.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Spencer.....	3	20	150	70	5	25	..	..	7
Williamstown.....	6	46	300	638	19	..	26 00	64	13
Harrisville.....	7	50	300	500	2	..	..	..	10
West Union.....	9	54	180	700	4	80	33 00	..	10
Middlebourne.....	7	63	240	625	4	60	19 50	..	7
Sistersville.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Glenville.....	3	32	81	550	11	..	12 00	..	1
Newark.....	2	16	120	200	2	20	10 00	..	1
TOTAL.....	46	354	1767	4190	60	305	144 50	64	44 41

APPOINTMENTS.

	No. of S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	No. of Bible Classes.	Scholars in Infant Classes.	Expenses of the Schools this year.	Raised for Benevolent purposes.	S. S. Advocates taken.	Conversions.
CHARLESTON DISTRICT.										
Charleston Station,.....	1	12	60	150	6	...	5 00	50	28	...
Malden,.....	2	15	85	300	7	30	10 00	...	...	12
Mountain Cove,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Summerville,.....	4	20	150	200	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fork Lick,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sutton,.....	1	9	30	...	1	...	...	...	...	2
Calhoun,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Elk River,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Charleston Circuit,.....	4	24	170	300	...	...	15 00	5 00	...	...
Buffalo,.....	4	25	100	250	...	25	18 20	...	...	...
Raleigh,.....	3	15	54	60	4	3	...	...	...	...
Fayette,.....	3	22	71	295	6	...	11 00	...	...	...
TOTAL,.....	22	142	720	1555	24	58	59 20	5 50	28	14
GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.										
Guyandotte and Catlettsburg,.....	1	8	55	200	...	...	2 00	...	10	...
Wayne,.....	5	43	218	215	8	...	10 19	...	1	...
Sandy,.....	3	18	150	350	...	25	...	...	...	...
Coal River,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Putnam,.....	2	18	150	350	...	17	50	...	2	...
Monticello,.....	3	36	90	370	6	...	12 70	...	...	...
Wyoming,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Logan,.....	1	5	87	74	...	20	...	...	...	8
Hartford City,.....	1	14	73	300	2	25	28 00	2 00	50	...
Point Pleasant,.....	4	60	276	1125	2	...	25 00	...	...	9
TOTAL,.....	20	202	955	2634	19	87	76 39	2 00	63	12

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

Morgantown District,.....	76	760	2896	11444	72	555	306 12	18 11	87	66
Wheeling District,.....	47	533	2848	8496	111	491	454 80	20 65	706	47
Clarksburg District,.....	48	507	2055	5260	59	220	156 05	5 98	104	90
Parkersburg District,.....	46	354	1767	4190	48	305	144 50	64	44	41
Charleston District,.....	22	142	720	1555	24	58	59 20	5 50	28	14
Guyandotte District,.....	20	422	955	1634	19	87	76 39	2 00	63	12
TOTAL,.....	259	2598	11241	32579	333	1713	1197 06	52 88	982	270
Last Year,.....	275	2520	11533	29627	341	1949	1347 24	71 47	806	493
Increase,.....	...	48	...	2952	...	...	150 18	...	176	...
Decrease,.....	16	...	292	...	8	236	...	18 59	...	226

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

STATIONS.	PREACHERS.	Children under 7.	Children over 7.	Quartermen.	Table Expenses.	Rent.	Total.	Receipts.	Deficiency.	Conference Collections.	Traveling Expenses.
Morgantown District.											
Morgantown Dis.	J. Drummond, P.E.	1	3	288	\$292 00	P.	\$585 00	\$511 21	\$ 23 79	11 50	.....
" Station	G. Martin,.....	1	3	288	292 00	P.	580 00	580 00	.....	.....	.....
" Circuit	F. Ball,.....	1	1	224	125 00	\$ 20	369 00	369 00	.....	.....	17 16
" " "	M. V. B. White,.....	1	1	100	.....	.....	100 00	100 00	.....	.....	5 50
Menongalia,....	G. W. Arnold,.....	1	3	288	200 00	P.	488 00	381 89	106 11	.....	3 50
" " "	E. S. Wilson,.....	1	1	100	.....	.....	100 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....
Brandonville,...	J. W. Curry,.....	1	1	216	125 00	P.	341 00	276 00	65 00	.....	37 90
" " "	S. Hitchen,.....	1	1	100	.....	.....	100 00	79 20	20 80	.....	.....
Selbysport,.....	P. Vandervost,.....	1	1	200	105 00	30	335 00	335 00	.....	.....	15 00
" " "	W. D. Warman,.....	1	1	100	.....	.....	100 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....
Kingwood,.....	D. O. Steward,.....	2	2	280	200 00	40	520 00	481 53	38 42	.....	80 00
Oakland,.....	A. Hall,.....	1	1	216	200 00	P.	416 00	338 81	77 19	1 00	8 00
" " "	.....	1	1	100	.....	.....	100 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....
St. George,.....	J. C. Bolten,.....	1	1	100	.....	.....	850 00	816 44	63 56	.....	.....
Evansville,.....	A. Bower,.....	3	1	248	100 00	P.	348 00	348 00	.....	.....	.....
" " "	J. Cook,.....	1	1	100	.....	.....	100 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....
Feterm'n & Grftn	J. W. Webb,.....	2	2	248	177 00	60	485 00	485 00	.....	11 55	7 50
Palatine,.....	W. E. Williamson	2	2	232	146 00	22	400 00	268 00	132 00	.....	3 00
Wheeling District.	Total,.....	11	9	\$2740	1670 00	172	5497 00	4970 18	526 87	24 05	127 56
Wheeling Dist.,	G. Battelle, P.E.	2	3	804	836 00	\$125	765 00	697 78	67 22	.....	35 00
" 4th St.,	Wesley Smith,.....	1	3	272	528 00	200	1000 00	1000 00	.....	15 72	23 00
" North St.	J. S. Patterson,...	1	1	240	287 30	P.	527 30	527 30	.....	6 00	5 70
" Chpin St.	J. L. Clarke,.....	1	1	216	414 00	P.	630 00	630 00	.....	26 00	.....
South Wheeling,	H. C. Sandford,...	1	1	100	.....	.....	100 00	100 00	.....	.....	15 00
" " "	D. H. K. Dix,.....	1	1	216	120 00	.....	366 00	294 09	71 91	4 75	30 00
" " "	E. Dowler,.....	1	1	100	.....	.....	100 00	72 13	27 87	.....	.....
Triadelphia,....	M. Tichnell,.....	1	1	200	350 00	P.	550 00	500 00	50 00	.....	.....
Marshall,.....	W. R. Howe,.....	1	1	304	66 00	.....	370 00	304 25	65 75	.....	.....
" " "	T. M. Leslie,.....	1	1	150	.....	.....	150 00	121 50	28 20	.....	.....
Elizabeth & Mdevi	G. W. Richmond,...	1	1	200	150 00	P.	350 00	350 00	.....	.....	10 00
Littleton,.....	P. Green,.....	1	1	100	.....	.....	100 00	100 00	.....	2 00	15 00
N. Martinsville,	R. L. Woodyard,...	1	1	232	191 50	80	453 50	336 09	117 41	.....	2 50
" " "	T. M. Hartley,.....	1	1	100	.....	.....	100 00	74 36	25 64	.....	.....
S. Creek & Liberty	J. M. Phelps,.....	1	2	250	150 00	P.	430 00	403 00	27 00	.....	.....
Mannington,...	S. King,.....	1	2	232	150 00	P.	402 00	368 18	33 82	.....	20 00
" " "	W. E. Stevens,...	1	1	100	.....	.....	100 00	95 24	4 76	.....	6 00
Blacksville,....	Levi Park,.....	2	1	252	68 00	30	350 00	259 77	90 23	.....	.....
" " "	M. Doolittle,....	1	1	100	.....	.....	100 00	74 23	25 77	.....	.....
Clarksburg District.	Total,.....	14	11	\$3698	2810 80	385	6943 80	6308 22	635 58	54 47	162 20
Clarksburg Dist.	J. L. Irwin, P.E.	1	1	.....	.....	.....	696 00	573 85	122 15	.....	.....
" Station	S. R. Griffith,.....	2	1	232	162 00	75	469 00	235 00	234 00	.....	.....
West Milford,...	J. M. Powell,.....	3	1	248	160 00	P.	408 00	382 72	25 28	.....	10 00
" " "	E. Ford,.....	1	1	100	.....	.....	100 00	93 80	6 20	.....	.....
" " "	J. W. W. Bolton,...	1	1	100	.....	.....	100 00	100 00	.....	.....	15 00
Frenchton,.....	R. L. Brooks,.....	1	1	224	130 00	20	374 00	239 13	134 87	.....	.....
" " "	H. Wallace,.....	1	1	90	.....	.....	90 00	90 00	.....	.....	.....
Pruntytown,....	B. Ison,.....	2	1	232	150 00	P.	382 00	276 00	106 00	3 60	17 00
" " "	H. D. Rice,.....	1	1	100	.....	.....	100 00	77 88	22 17	.....	5 00
Webstr & Simps'n	J. A. Williams,...	1	1	.....	.....	.....	394 00	294 47	99 53	.....	.....
Phillippi,.....	R. M. Wallace,...	1	2	264	130 00	P.	415 00	332 20	82 80	.....	10 00
Buckhannon,....	J. W. Snodgrass,...	1	1	100	.....	45	100 00	79 00	21 00	.....	3 00
" " "	B. F. Rogers,.....	1	1	100	.....	.....	100 00	78 37	21 63	.....	10 00
Upshur,.....	W. O. Wilson,.....	1	1	100	.....	.....	100 00	400 00	.....	.....	1 50
Fairmont,.....	J. B. Blakeny,...	1	2	216	184 00	P.	494 00	472 41	21 59	.....	5 00
Marion,.....	T. H. Trainer,...	2	2	304	190 00	P.	494 00	472 41	21 59	.....	.....
" " "	H. Hagan,.....	1	1	100	.....	.....	100 00	95 00	5 00	.....	.....
Lumberport,....	M. Allen,.....	1	1	200	125 00	25	350 00	190 12	159 88	.....	11 00
" " "	N. Potts,.....	1	1	100	.....	.....	100 00	59 70	40 80	.....	7 25
Beverly,.....	W. L. Hindman,...	2	1	256	100 00		356 00	260 43	95 57		5 50
Total,.....		18	6	\$3976	1501 00	165	5528 00	4330 08	1197 97	3 60	111 75

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STATIONS.	PREACHERS.	Children under 7.	Children over 7.	Quarterage.	Table Expenses.	Rent.	Total.	Receipts.	Deficiencies.	Conference Collections.	Traveling Expen.
Parkersburg District.											
Parkersburg District,...	J. W. Reger, P. E.,	1	2	\$264	\$286	\$150	\$700	\$327 24	\$172 76	...	\$58 80
" Station,...	S. Steele,	2	..	232	150	P.	382	332 00	...	...	20 00
" "	S. H. Temple, supt.	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Elizabeth,	E. E. Steele,	3	..	248	128	...	376	376 00	...	...	16 00
Murrysville,	V. Sandford,	..	..	200	80	20	300	175 00	125 00	...	20 00
Newark,	A. J. Lyda,	1	1	240	100	25	365	206 63	158 37	1 00	...
Ripley,	B. Northcraft,	..	..	100	...	...	100	50 00	50 00	...	21 85
Spencer,	A. B. Rohrbough,	..	..	100	...	...	100	100 00	...	...	5 00
Williamston,	C. King,	..	..	200	150	P.	350	173 92	176 08	...	16 45
Harrisville,	G. J. Nixon,	1	..	216	140	...	356	330 73	25 27	...	31 00
"	J. B. Pinchen,	..	..	100	...	...	100	87 95	12 05	...	...
"	B. A. Maxwell,	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
West Union,	J. S. Hall,	1	..	216	130	30	376	201 33	174 67	...	16 00
Middlebourne,	F. Guthrie,	..	..	200	140	...	340	242 71	97 29	...	9 47
Sistersville,	R. Brooks,	..	..	200	140	36	376	251 25	124 75	...	12 00
Glenville,	T. C. Hughes,	..	..	100	...	...	100	80 98	19 07	...	...
Charleston District.	Total,	9	3	2616	1444	261	4321	3185 69	1135 31	1 00	226 07
Charleston District.											
Charleston District,...	A. A. Reger, P. E.,	..	3	272	224	150	646	571 00	75 00	...	29 00
" Station,	R. A. Arthur,	..	..	...	...	150	550	550 00	...	2 40	...
Malden,	E. C. Wayman,	..	..	100	...	...	100	100 00	...	...	12 00
Summersville,	C. Conner,	1	1	240	180	...	420	420 00	...	...	8 67
Fork Lick,	A. Given,	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sutton,	W. H. Wiley,	..	..	100	...	...	100	100 00	...	...	10 00
Calhoun,	A. J. Lyon,	2	..	232	100	...	332	294 31	87 69	...	20 00
Elk River,	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Charleston Circuit,	E. L. Nicholson,	..	..	...	...	...	300	300 00	...	5 00	...
Buffalo,	W. H. Shaw,	1	..	216	124	40	380	254 85	125 15	...	20 00
Fayette,	B. Darlington,	..	2	248	200	...	448	173 10	274 90	...	19 00
Raleigh,	F. H. J. King,	..	..	100	...	...	100	47 78	52 22	...	10 00
Mountain Cove,	J. M. Warden,	..	..	396	...	...	396	195 00	201 00	...	24 00
Guyandotte District.	Total,	4	6	1904	898	340	3772	3006 04	765 96	7 40	152 67
Guyandotte District.											
Guyandotte District,...	T. H. Monroe, P. E.	..	..	620	...	80	700	515 00	185 00	...	35 00
" "	U. Pribble,	..	..	120	...	...	120	110 50	9 50	...	12 00
Wayne,	John S. Carroll,	..	..	100	...	...	100	34 43	65 67	...	17 00
" "	D. Coole,	..	..	100	...	...	100	57 43	42 57	...	10 00
Monticello,	A. R. Crislip,	..	..	264	175	22	461	156 30	304 70	...	17 00
" "	A. W. Gregg,	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Point Pleasant,	S. Jones,	3	..	272	138	50	460	345 00	115 00	8 73	12 00
" "	J. B. Ford,	..	..	100	...	...	100	72 50	27 50	...	13 00
Hartford City,	H. Stevens,	1	..	216	115	84	415	341 51	73 49	...	10 00
Putnam,	J. B. Feather,	2	..	232	100	25	357	200 00	157 00	...	10 00
Hamline,	Benj. Hagar,	2	1	256	100	...	356	176 40	179 60	...	...
Coal River,	R. Hagar,	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Logan,	J. Sandford,	..	..	100	...	...	100	60 00	40 00	...	10 00
Sandy,	L. D. Casto,	..	..	100	...	...	100	100 00	...	...	10 00
Wyoming,	A. B. Smith,	..	..	100	...	...	100	80 00	20 00	...	20 00
Total,		5	4	2580	628	261	3469	2249 07	1220 03	8 73	176 00

FINANCIAL PLAN,
ADOPTED BY THE WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

PART I.

1. A meeting of the Stewards and preacher or preachers, in each circuit or station, shall be held on the third Saturday after the close of each Annual Conference; the place of holding the meeting to be designated by the last quarterly Conference of the year.

2. It shall be the duty of the Stewards, at this meeting, to make an estimate of the amount necessary to furnish house rent, fuel, traveling and moving expenses, and support for the families of the preacher or preachers appointed to labor for them; and it shall be the duty of this meeting to divide the whole amount among the several classes of the circuit or station, according to their number, circumstances and privileges.

3. It shall be the duty of this meeting to district the circuit or station among the Stewards, giving each his proportion of the classes to attend during the year.

4. It shall be the duty of each Steward, as soon as the estimate shall have been made, to inform each class within his district of the amount apportioned to them; whereupon each class shall appoint a Committee of their own number, consisting of five members, including the Leader and Steward of the class, who shall, as soon thereafter as practicable, assign to each member of the class the amount which, in the judgment of said Committee, each member ought, according to his or her respective ability, to pay quarterly for the support of the Gospel in the circuit or station, so that the entire sum apportioned by the Steward to that class shall be provided for, which amount so ascertained shall be read to the class at the next regular meeting of the class.

5. It shall be the duty of each Leader or class Steward to see that this amount is regularly collected, and placed in the hands of the Stewards or preachers weekly or quarterly.

6. It shall be the duty of the Stewards to circulate a subscription paper, for the support of the gospel, at all the appointments where it may be deemed expedient, among those persons who are not members of the Church, but are in the habit of attending upon our ministry.

7. It shall be the duty of each Presiding Elder, in every quarterly Conference of his district, to have the name of each Leader called by the Secretary, and at the same time report the apportionment of his class, the amount received, and the deficiency, if any. To inquire if there be any of our members who refuse to contribute to the support of the gospel; and, if any, their reasons for thus refusing. If their excuses are not satisfactory, it shall be the duty of the Steward of that district of the circuit or station, or the preacher in charge, to visit them, and try to convince them of the great evil that must result from such a principle, if carried out.

8. It shall be the duty of the Stewards, at every quarterly meeting, to make report to all the members present of the state of the finances of the circuit or station—stating the amount received and the deficiency, if any, of each class.

9. It shall be the duty of the Leader of every class that may be reported deficient, to inform his class immediately after the quarterly meeting, of the amount of their deficiencies, individually.

10. Each Presiding Elder is respectfully requested to inform this Conference, when he represents his district, whether this financial system has been attended to in all his charges.

11. The Presiding Elders are required, at the first quarterly meeting of this year, in each circuit and station, to bring the subject before the Conference, that the Stewards may be confirmed as the estimating committee, provided for in the Discipline.

12. The last quarterly Conference of this year is requested to appoint the Stewards an estimating Committee for the ensuing year, in conformity with the Discipline and this plan.

PART II.—CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

The Board of Conference Stewards shall hereafter be constituted by the appointment of one *preacher* and one *layman*, with an alternate, from each Presiding Elder's district, in the following manner: The former by nomination and election, as heretofore; the latter by a majority of its votes cast in his favor at the annual meeting of the district Stewards. Each lay Steward thus elected shall receive a certificate of his election, signed by the President and Secretary of the meeting. He shall have a home provided for him at the seat of Conference, with the privilege of sitting within the bar, and of participating in the discussion of any question of finance that may be brought before the Conference. And the said delegates shall continue to represent officially their respective districts in the Board of Stewards until their successors shall be appointed.

The joint Board thus constituted shall receive and distribute the funds under the direction of the Conference. They shall estimate, at each Annual Session, the sum which will probably be necessary to meet the claims of the Superannuated Preachers, Widows and Orphans, for the next year ensuing, and equitably apportion the same to the districts which they severally represent, according to their respective ability. Each Presiding Elder shall call together annually the district Stewards, who shall distribute the amount aforesaid among the circuits and stations within his bounds. And if for any reason no such meeting be held, he shall, with the assistance of the Conference Stewards, make the distribution upon the basis of his own claim.

The Quarterly Conferences are respectfully requested to adopt such measures as may be effective in raising the respective amounts set off to their respective charges.

EPISCOPAL DECISION.—That the moving and traveling expenses are to be added to the estimate of the Committee for the support of the minister, and to be apportioned to the several classes.

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actually dying. During his sickness he was peaceful and hopeful. When he realized the fact that he was dying, he said: "If I must cross Jordan, bring out the books, we'll square accounts. O Savior, come quickly! The angels are helping me. I'll get through." When his wife moistened his lips, he added, "That means good-by. Well done, well done," and passed away to the rest remaining and the glory to be revealed.

Our beloved Bro. Hartley was buried in the preacher's lot in Mt. Wood, Wheeling, with the remains of Rev. William Summers and wife, Mary Virginia Monroe, Kate and Hattie Martin, Harry W. Hughes and Dr. G. W. Richmond. May we all meet again in that "sweet by and by."

We commend Sister Hartley and the four little children to the prayers and sympathies of the church.

F. BALL, Chairman.

REV. MICHAEL DOWLER.

Rev. Michael Dowler died Nov. 29, 1875, aged 70 years and 8 months. He was the son of Rev. George Dowler, and was born in Washington county, Pa. His father subsequently removed to Marshall county, Va., where Michael joined the M. E. Church in his seventeenth year. His youthful Christian life was firm and consistent. He was licensed to exhort in 1835, and licensed to preach in 1842. He was ordained deacon by Bishop James July 4, 1847, and ordained elder by Bishop Morris, June 27, 1857.

He was often employed by the presiding elders of the Wheeling District, West Virginia Conference, and in this capacity did good service of a rather pioneer character. In 1869 he was received on trial and appointed to Dallas circuit. The Lord owned and crowned his labors with marked success. In 1870-71, he was stationed at Cameron, where he did excellent service in promoting the spirituality of the church, and also freeing it from great financial embarrassment. In 1872, he labored successfully on the Pruntytown circuit. In 1874 he traveled the New Martinsville circuit, and in 1875, seeming to have premonition of his approaching end, he asked a supernumerary relation, so that he might arrange his temporal affairs more satisfactorily. He preached often and labored faithfully for the Master during the year. He was stricken with paralysis Nov. 15, and died at the date given above.

Bro. Dowler was a man of unblemished Christian character, consistent and uniform in life, greatly devoted to God and the church of his early choice. His memory was very retentive, and he could call to mind a large amount of historical matter upon all Bible themes. In his death the M. E. Church has lost an honored and useful member, and we of the ministry a genial, entertaining companion and co-worker. He rests from his labor and his works follow him.

F. BALL, Chairman.

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AN ABSTRACT

OF THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONFERENCE

HELD IN PARKERSBURG,

BEGINNING MARCH 12, 1862, AND NOT PUBLISHED IN MINUTE FORM.

The following abstract of the proceedings of the Conference of 1862 was furnished by our brother, Rev. F. Ball, who carefully preserved the printed report as it appeared in "*The Methodist*."

The Secretaries cherish the hope that the Conference will be pleased to have embodied in its Minutes, in this centennial year, the record of the deeds of those noble men of God, who were true to the cause of the Master during those dark days of war.

Not all the reports of committees and routine business were considered of sufficient importance to be reproduced here: only that which is an interesting item of history. We are sure that the little we have given will be gratefully received.

It is proper to state that this additional matter involves no extra expense to the Conference.

A CONFERENCE EXTRAORDINARY.

WESTERN VIRGINIA.

The Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in Parkersburg, on Wednesday, March 12, 1862, Bishop Scott presiding, Samuel Steel, Secretary.

In no part of our country have the deplorable effects of the war been more terribly felt than in some parts of this territory. The first day was mainly devoted to the usual routine business, appointment of committees, etc. An unusual gravity and seriousness, as of men burdened with the weight of what they had seen and suffered, seemed, even from the beginning, to mark the body. It has been indeed a year of unwonted trial and danger to these men and their people.

MISREPRESENTATIONS CORRECTED.

The Union men of Western Virginia are sometimes hardly rated by secular prints, utterly ignorant of the facts in the case, if not, indeed in-

tionally distorting the facts because of the little they have done in the prosecution of the war. It is only necessary to know what has been done and the circumstances under which it has been accomplished, to wipe away entirely this reproach, and demonstrate that in all the length and breadth of our land there are none deserving of higher honor than these maligned Union men of West Virginia. It is a great mistake to suppose that all of this region was far the Union, simply because it should have been so. The same might be said of the entire South. The fact is, it was for otherwise. An effete and desperate oligarchy ruled Virginia. In most counties, of the West especially, a few families—the Court House clique—have usually given tone and direction to the whole sentiment and action of their counties in matters political. These were nearly all tainted with secession, and had for months and years been plotting, when the great disruption came, to carry West Virginia South.

No one acquainted with the influence, resources, and recklessness of those men would have greatly wondered had the war been transferred, as was their original purpose if war came, to the other side of the Ohio, instead of being waged in Virginia. They had long cherished a settled enmity against the Free States; and our own Church, its ministers and its people, were the objects of their deadliest hostility. "Foreigners," "Abolitionists," "the Church, North," and other offensive and slanderous epithets, were the mildest terms in which we were ever referred to by them.

When our ministers and more intelligent laymen learned that the so-called Union men, elected in large numbers from the West to the Richmond Convention, had betrayed them; had, in direct opposition to every interest and obligation, the hallowed memories of the past and strongly expressed purpose of the present, transferred them, like cattle, to this, the darkest conspiracy on which the sun has ever shone, no one not in their midst can conceive the indignation and sense of bitter wrong which took possession of their minds. With them it was not only a question whether they any longer had a country of their own, but whether the church of their fathers was any longer to have a being in this land. Of course there was but one decision. They saw what was to come, and determined, cost what it might, to stand by the Church and the Union.

Their first step was to rally to the polls, and, if possible, defeat the ordinance of secession. Had the East been free from military dictation at the time, they would, no doubt, in the face of every threat and danger, have succeeded in doing this. The simple attempt was the signal for a reign of terror. Our men unfortunately were largely without arms, and had no organization except what the Church supplied. The rebels were thoroughly prepared, in both respects, and began immediately to muster their forces at Clarksburg and Grafton, threatening Wheeling and Parkersburg—the western termini of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Wise, with his legions, swept down the Kanawha. Your readers generally know what afterward took place, and I do not propose its recapitulation here. But it is due to truth that the credit of saving Western Virginia from secession, and the adjoining parts of Pennsylvania and Ohio from being ravaged by a ruthless foe, should be given where it belongs; and what I have to say further will relate mainly to the part which our preachers acted, simply remarking that among the laity the names of Willey, Hubbard, and others of our brethren and their noble coadjutors who, in great peril, at Richmond, maintained their integrity—"faithful among the faithless"—ought to be classed with those of Henry, Adams, and others of the Revolution.

A METHODIST CONFERENCE WITH VARIATIONS.

The *variations* consisted mainly in references to, and statements of

facts and incidents a few of which, from ample material on hand, I will supply, and which certainly present a new phase in the experience of Methodist preachers in this generation. I should further say that most of these were made in open Conference, during the usual examination of character and before a large audience, so there is no impropriety in designating names and places here, and still further not being in the Conference-room all the time, some of those I most wished to obtain escaped me, and of the rest I have to select and abridge.

Rev. G. J. Nixon was sent to Harrisville, one of our largest circuits. Every effort was made to drag or drive our people into rebellion. Out of about seven hundred members but one was lost, and he was believed to be a traitor in the camp before he went over openly to the rebels. The two adjoining counties went largely for secession. Frequently filled appointments with organized bands of guerillas hovering about. Is sent by the Bishop this year to one of the most laborious and dangerous fields of labor.

Rev. Benjamin Hagar, Sandy Circuit, a man eminently pious, humble and useful. The country round him was overwhelmingly for secession. So highly was he esteemed by all, that the rebels were afraid to touch him at first, but ordered him on the peril of his life to desist from preaching. He went round among the friends holding class and prayer-meetings, but was soon notified to stop that. Found himself so shut in by the enemy, that there was no way to escape. Then he held worship in his own house with his family and a few religious neighbors. This too was forbidden, as they did not wish any secret meetings. Soon afterward, he was told all the preachers on the adjoining circuits had been taken or driven away, and felt almost as if alone, but determined not to give up. Gave, at different times, as he thought best, his blessing and advice to his family as to what they should do if he was shot or taken off while at his work, and was finally seized by ruffians, suffered much in mind and body, and lost all his property. He expected and was willing, in the name of the Lord, to go back to the same work, and if need be, fall at his post. His brother, Rev. Robert Hagar, a man of like spirit and experience, could doubtless have told a still more thrilling tale, but is in the hands of rebels and unable to be present.

Rev. John S. Carroll, Coal River Circuit. He was waylaid and arrested by five rebels; said he was a Virginian, had abstained from politics, was quietly going about his own work, and did not expect or desire to be meddled with. They abused him for a — Methodist preacher, said that was crime enough; they were about to shoot or drive off every one such, and ordered him to follow them. Quietly drawing a revolver, he said: "There are five of you, and I am prepared for eight. I shall drop the first man who looks around or lifts a gun. Forward!" His way on his circuit was wholly hedged up by Clarkson's and Jenkins' guerrillas. Is now a captain in the Ninth Virginia regiment.

Rev. J. W. W. Bolton, St. George's Circuit. Some of the brethren thought he left his work a week or ten days earlier than necessary but all agreed it would have been utter recklessness to take his family back. Was within a few miles of where Colonel Garnet and other rebels were shot. Lost everything he had.

Rev. A. J. Lyons, Calhoun Circuit. Secession reigned and triumphed there, and our work is, for the present, ruined. He had to fly for his life. After leaving, the enemy surrounded the house, and finding he was gone, tried to burn it down over the heads of his family. His wife and children so effectually resisted that the secessionists ceased from the attempt and went away.

Rev. Thomas B Hughes, Spencer Circuit. Had to leave his circuit. Lost all he had, books, clothes, furniture, everything.

Rev. Andrew W. Gregg, Ripley Circuit. Was ordered to join the topographical corps of General Cox's division, and help clear out the Kanawha valley. At the battle of Scarey Creek, when the surgeon hesitated to remove and attend the wounded soldiers, Bro. Gregg, a splendid specimen of physical manhood, carried out the fallen, one after another, in his arms, while the fight was raging all around him. Is now chaplain.

Rev. Benjamin F. Rogers, Glenville Circuit. This is the point at which Dr. Elliott, Dr. Baird and others have had the honor to be indicted, in years gone by, as enemies to the country, and especially dangerous to the peace and welfare of Virginia. Our few members as well as their preachers were driven off from this region. Bro. Rogers was thrown from his horse and nearly killed. Is now convalescent, but far from well.

Rev J. M. Phelps, Hartford Circuit. Took earnest hold of the Union cause in his region. Is now a captain in the United States army.

Rev. Robert Brooks, Guyandotte Circuit. Found his life so often threatened, and not willing to be massacred in cold blood as those slain at the village which gives name to his work, joined the army. Is now first lieutenant of a cavalry company.

Rev. W. H. Wiley, Elizabeth Circuit. Assaulted in the streets and denounced as a Union scoundrel, etc. Stood at his post till the last, and when danger became imminent, sold his coat and bought a gun and went soldiering.

Brother Wiley is a somewhat erratic genius, but of great personal courage. At the battle of Philippi he very much distinguished himself, and again at Romney when General Kelly gave our men orders to charge with the bayonet, Brother Wiley was full ten feet in advance of the foremost man shouting: "Come on, boys; I know God is on our side." He was the first to cross the bridge in front of the rebel battery, and on seeing the rebels run, shouted, "Hallelujah! glory!" louder than it ever had been heard at Romney bridge before. Both he and Brother Gregg have been personally complimented by the officers and men for their great courage and usefulness.

Rev. James Warden, Sutton Circuit. Went to his work but was early driven off. All his property confiscated, even his wife and children left without a change of clothes.

Rev. F. H. J. King, Fayette Circuit. Stood as a faithful sentinel at his post, laboring for God and the suppression of this huge rebellion. Whether dead or alive, in heaven or rebelldom, no one knows, but is supposed to have been shot. His character passed, and relation to the Conference continued, as, if living, no one doubts where his heart is.

And so I might continue through your paper, and yet not tell the half. Some of our brethren have been thrown into jail, as the venerable father Green, an itinerant of some fifty years, and the patriarch of our Conference, and Jeremiah Hare, one of the purest and humblest men who ever stood up in a pulpit, and who was taken over the the mountains and kept in a common jail over four months before he managed to escape. Others have been waylaid and shot at by roving bands and desperadoes, often leaving their families as if forever, when they went out to some parts of their work. Others have had everything they possessed taken from them and destroyed and their wives and children turned out into the wilderness, naked and hungry in the midst of winter. Others who escaped in time found work and refuge in adjoining districts and Con-

ferences. Some of our brothers are officers, and five of them chaplains in the Union army. Several were in the Legislature and Constitutional Convention. It was the special object of the rebels in the lower and more southern counties to kill or drive out our preachers. Never were more barbarities inflicted on men by savages than those which, whenever it was in their power, they practised on our people. God only knows how many scores have fallen by assassination, exposure, and the end is not yet.

HERE AND THERE.

In the free States when the men enlisted they felt assured that their families would not suffer harm—would even be cared for. Here, men in Western Virginia, in some counties, it is as much as a man's life is worth to be known as a member of the Methodist Church and a friend of the Union. And yet has Western Virginia furnished eleven regiments of infantry, two batteries of artillery, and a regiment of cavalry, more in proportion to the loyal population than any other part of these United States. Let those remember this who slander them. Doubtless there are many half-hearted men and even traitors in our midst who profess to be Unionists. Some of these have even foisted themselves into the Legislature and Convention. Quartermasters and others in the army are even suspected of disloyalty; but after all is said, it still remains that no where are there to be found men less selfish and more devoted to God and humanity than in Western Virginia; all of them deserve the sympathy of right-thinking men, and many of them greatly need, though they do not ask, material aid.

CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

It is a matter to which we refer with great satisfaction and pride, that in the rebellion against the government under which we have lived and prospered so long, the papers of our church have given no uncertain sound. Without a single exception, so far as we know, they have all taken and maintained strong grounds in "favor of the Constitution, the Union and the enforcement of the laws." Some in their zeal to see this rebellion crushed out, may have erred in complaining of those in authority for not moving forward against the enemies of the country with more zeal and energy, thereby injuring the circulation of the paper to some extent; but this, we think, must be attributed more to the restless impatience which all loyal men feel more or less to see the insurgents put down, than a desire to find fault with the powers that be.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The committee on the state of the church would respectfully offer the following as their report:

REPORT NUMBER ONE.

WHEREAS, A powerful conspiracy of treason and rebellion has been organized against the Government of the United States, and under the name of the Southern Confederacy, and is exerting its utmost energies for the destruction and ruin of our country; and whereas, the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom, as well as pure and elevated civilization, are intimately connected with and greatly dependent upon the character and form of civil government; and believing we have the best government possible, and that it is our duty as loyal citizens to sustain and defend it; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, By the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, that we wholly condemn this rebellion as *unjust, illegal* and unauthorized by the Word of God, and that we will co-operate with the President of the United States and all under his authority, by all proper and lawful means, as well as by our prayers and entreaties to Almighty God, for its speedy overthrow and utter extermination, that the authority of our Government may be asserted and maintained over our whole country.

2. *Resolved*, That the conduct of the President and his Cabinet in crushing this great rebellion meets with our cordial and unqualified approval, and that we have full confidence in the soundness of their judgment, and in the wisdom of their discretion in conducting this war, and restoring our whole country to permanent peace and tranquillity.

3. *Resolved*, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be sent to the President of the United States.

REPORT NUMBER TWO.

WHEREAS, Many of our people have greatly suffered during the past year from this rebellion and the ravages of war, and have been deprived of the bread of life and of the immunities and blessings of the holy sanctuary, on account of their attachment to the Church and loyalty to their country; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That these brethren are entitled to our sympathies and our prayers, and that we assure them that we will do all we can to provide for their wants, trusting that God, who "tempers the wind to the shorn lamb," will take care of them and abundantly bless them.

2. *Resolved*, That those brethren of the Conference who have imperiled their lives for the cause of God and the welfare of the people committed to their pastoral care and oversight, and that have nobly defended the cause of our common country against tyranny and oppression, are entitled to our thanks, and are worthy of double honor.

G. MARTIN,
W. SMITH,
J. L. CLARK.

R. A. ARTHUR,
G. J. NIXON,

The above report was adopted by calling the roll of Conference and recording the ayes and nays—the result of which was as follows: ayes, 69; nays, 0; absent and sick, 20.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

No feature of work deserves more of our attention or more earnest efforts than the cause of Sabbath schools. It is a well-tried and successful means of reaching the young of all classes with the light of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in offering to all our members privileges of working for the salvation of souls. Sabbath school effort is not of doubtful experiment. A mighty host of children are now under the direct influence of our Church in the Sabbath schools. Under these influences of incitement to diligence and duty, the ministry and the Church should feel their responsibility and discharge it faithfully.

Your committee is sorry to learn that there is a fearful falling off in every department of this great enterprise. From the statistics placed in our hands we have obtained the following facts, viz: That there are reported only one hundred and thirty-seven schools consisting of thirteen hundred and eight officers and teachers, and six thousand two hundred and sixty-six scholars—making only eight thousand five hundred and seventy-four members of our friends engaged in Sunday school operations. These schools have expended for their own support, during the past year,

\$471.71, and raised for the Sunday School Union, \$30.57. Of the youths attending our schools, one hundred and thirty-seven have been converted during the year—a less number than any previous year of our history as a Conference.

It is proper to say that there are thirty-one charges from which we have no returns. The most of these are in Parkersburg and Kanawha districts, and in that part of the Conference where the preachers could not labor the past year. Many of them, it is hoped, will report as usual in the future.

STEWARDS' REPORT.

The Stewards present the following as their report. The claims, receipts and deficiencies, as nearly as we could ascertain, are as follows:

Claims.....	\$21,741.08
Receipts.....	14,371.76

Deficiencies.....	\$7,369.32
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Question 13. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, widows and orphans of preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not received their regular allowance from circuits?

Answer. \$7,732.22.

Question 14. What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?

<i>Answer.</i> From Centenary Fund.....	\$28.85
From Chartered Fund.....	25.00
From Conference and Necessitous collections.....	69.65

Total.....\$123.50

CLAIMANTS.	DIVIDENDS.
Widow Summers.....	\$ 7.00
A. Dixon.....	20.00
J. S. Hall.....	5.00
H. C. Sanford.....	5.00
W. L. Hindman.....	10.00
E. Ford.....	5.00
W. C. Wilson.....	10.00
T. B. Hughes.....	10.00
B. Hagar.....	10.00
A. J. Lyon.....	10.00
B. Darlington.....	10.00
James Sanford.....	5.00
C. Conner.....	10.00
R. Northcraft.....	2.10
U. Pribble.....	3.00
Stationery.....	1.40

\$123.50

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. W. ARNOLD, Chairman.

SATURDAY, March 15.

The Conference met at half-past 8 A. M. Religious services by Brother Arnold. The Bishop requested the Presiding Elders to retire with him for a few minutes, and directed Brother G. Martin to occupy the chair in his absence.

The Committee on Sabbath schools made their report, which was read and adopted.

The Committee on Bible Cause made their report, which was read and adopted.

The Committee on Education made their report, which was read, blanks filled, and adopted.

The Bishop, having returned to the chair, introduced Dr. Blair, of the Ohio University, to the Conference.

The Conference proceeded to ballot on lay representation.

The Bishop appointed Brethren Arnold and Blakeney as tellers to count the vote of the Conference on lay representation.

Brethren Arnold and Blakeney, with J. W. Webb, one of the Secretaries, had leave to retire, count the vote, and report the result to the Conference.

The tellers made their report of the vote of the Conference on lay representation, as follows:—For lay representation, 11; against lay representation, 57; whole number of votes 68.

G. W. Richmond, appointed to collect and report the vote of the various charges, so far as heard from, within our Conference line, on lay representation, reported the result, as follows:—For lay representation, 204; against lay representation, 881.

On motion J. B. Ford was granted a location at his own request.

The recommendation of local preachers for deacons' orders, was called for, and the following brethren were elected to deacons' orders:—Oziah Stephens and Jonathan Steel, of Elizabeth circuit, Parkersburg district, and James Glendenning, New Martinsville circuit, Wheeling district.

The recommendation for local deacons for elders' orders was then called for, and Samuel Mills, of Murrysburg circuit, Parkersburg district, being favorably represented, was elected to elders' orders.

The Committee on Periodicals made their report, which was read and adopted.

After several announcements, the Conference adjourned, to meet after the Annual Missionary Anniversary, at night. Benediction by Bro. Clark.

NIGHT SESSION, March 15.

According to appointment, Conference met at the close of the Missionary meeting.

The Committee on Missions made their report, which was read and adopted.

On motion, Dr. Hunter was appointed to preach the Annual Conference Sermon, the first night of the next annual session.

The Bishop handed in the following list of Committees of Examination for the present year:

To examine candidates for admission on trial—W. L. Hindman, F. Guthrie.

First Year—J. M. Powell, D. H. K. Dix, P. Vandervort.

Second Year—J. B. Blakeney, H. Stevens, J. W. Snodgrass.

Third Year—T. H. Trainer, M. Allen, B. Ison.

Fourth Year—T. H. Monroe, A. J. Lyda, F. Ball.

To examine Local Preachers for Deacons' Orders—B. Darlington, C. King.

To examine Local Deacons for Elders' Orders—W. E. Williams, W. R. Howe.

To preach the Annual Missionary Sermon—T. Daugherty.

The 221st Hymn was then sung, and prayer offered by Rev. Wesley Smith. The Bishop read out the appointments as follows:

APPOINTMENTS.

Morgantown District—G. W. Arnold, P. E.

Morgantown station, J. B. Blakeney; Morgantown circuit, A. A. Reger, one to be supplied; Monongalia, D. O. Stuart, J. B. Pinchen; Brandonville, Ulysses Pribble; Grantsville, J. W. Webb, one to be supplied; Kingwood, Franklin Ball; St. George, W. D. Warman; Evansville, J. S. Hall, W. C. Wilson; Fetterman and Grafton, Benjamin Ison; Knottsville, P. Vandervort; Palatine, M. V. B. White; Blacksville, J. B. Feather.

W. Hunter, Professor of Hebrew and Biblical Literature, Allegheny College; member of Morgantown quarterly conference.

T. Daugherty, President of Morgantown Female Collegiate Institute; member of Morgantown quarterly Conference.

Wheeling District—J. Drummond, P. E.

Wheeling—Fourth Street, Samuel Barnes, North Street, J. L. Clark, Chapline Street, G. Martin; South Wheeling, A. W. Gregg; Grave Creek, T. H. Trainer; Triadelphia, W. R. Howe; Marshall, R. L. Woodyard, one to be supplied; Elizabeth and Moundsville, A. J. Lyda; Greene, James Sanford; New Martinsville, D. H. K. Dix, one to be supplied; Short Creek and Liberty, W. E. Williamson; Mannington, Ashford Hall. G. Battelle, Chaplain First Regiment Virginia Volunteers; member of Chapline street quarterly Conference.

Clarksburg District—J. L. Irwin, P. E.

Clarksburg, to be supplied; West Milford, G. W. Richmond, L. D. Casto; Weston, Samuel Hutchins; Frenchton, R. M. Wallace; Pruntytown, J. W. Snodgrass; Philippi, T. M. Lesley; Buckhannon, J. M. Powell, H. D. Rice; Upshur, W. H. Wiley; Fairmont, J. S. Patterson; Marion, Spencer King; Lumberport, E. Ford; Beverley, H. Wallace; Salem, to be supplied.

A. Martin, Prof. Greek Language and Literature, Allegheny College; member of Clarksburg quarterly conference.

Parkersburg District—Samuel Steele, P. E.

Parkersburg, T. H. Monroe; Elizabeth, F. Guthrie; Murraysville, E. L. Nicholson; Newark, A. J. Lyon; Ripley, to be supplied; Spencer, B. F. Rogers; Williamstown, Vanlinden Sanford; Harrisville, M. Allen, D. Cool; West Union, T. B. Hughes; Middlebourne, S. E. Steele; Sistersville, R. Northcraft; Glenville, W. L. Hindman.

J. W. Reger, Chaplain, Seventh Virginia Volunteers; member of Parkersburg quarterly conference.

Kanawha District—G. J. Nixon, P. E.

Charleston, H. Stevens; Charleston circuit, J. M. Warden; Malden Station, E. W. Ryan; Pocatalico, R. Hagar; Putnam, W. H. Shaw; Point Pleasant, Charles King; Hartford City and Letart, C. Conner; Catlettsburg and Guyandotte, H. C. Sanford; Wayne, to be supplied; Sandy, to be supplied; Coal River, B. Hagar; Hamlin, to be supplied; Elk River and Calhoun, to be supplied; Sutton, Addison, Summerville, Mountain Cove, Fayette, and Raleigh, B. Darlington; Wyoming and Logan, to be supplied.

R. A. Arthur, Professor of Mathematics, Ohio University; member of Charleston quarterly conference. Wesley Smith, transferred to Pittsburgh Conference.

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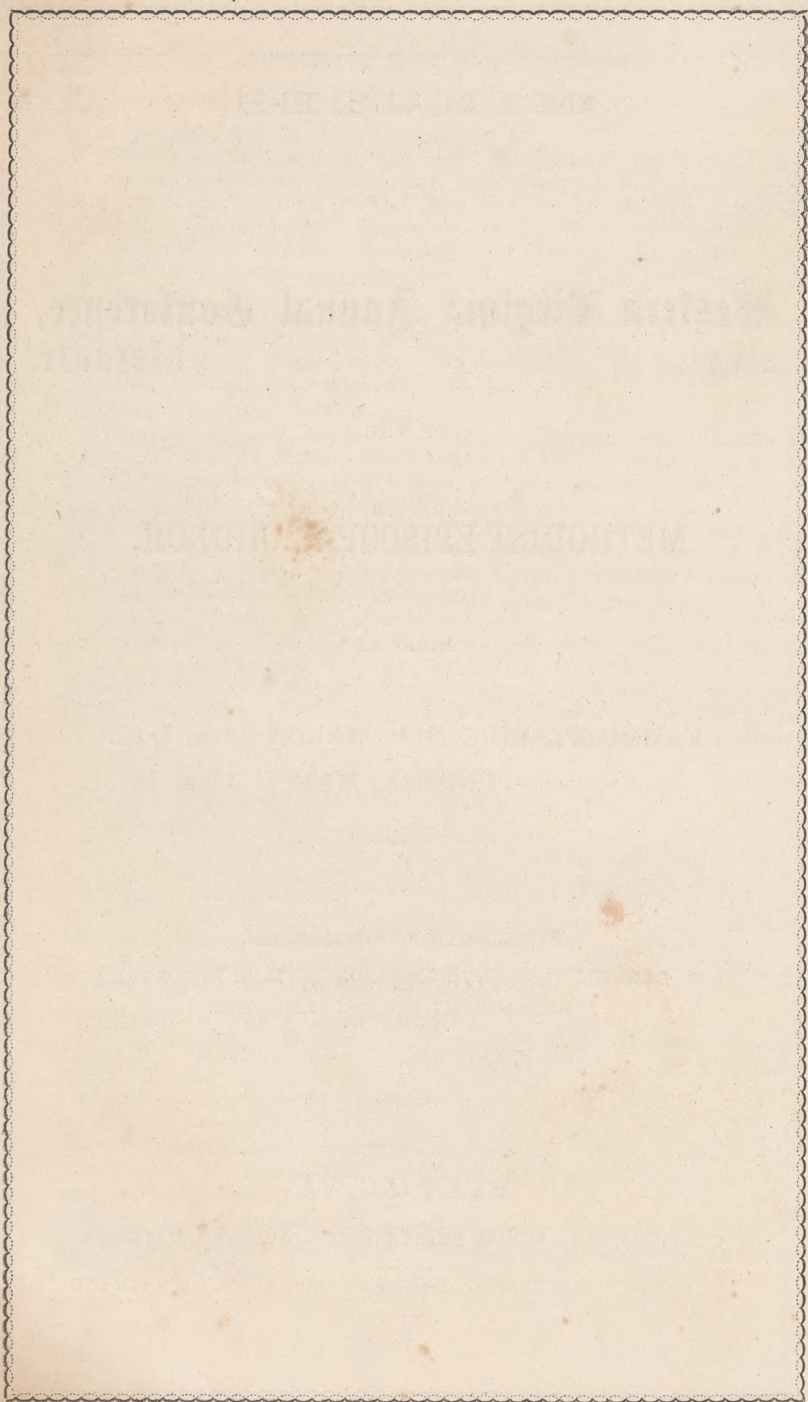
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THE WESTERN VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church commenced its Sixteenth Annual Session in Fairmont, Virginia, March 18th, 1863—Bishop Morris, presiding.

Secretaries—A. Martin, R. L. Woodyard, and J. W. Webb.

Conference Stewards—F. Ball, J. L. Clark, S. Hitchens, Henry Stevens, and R. Northcraft.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—M. V. B. White, and J. S. Patterson.

On Necessitous Cases—The Stewards.

On Missions—The Presiding Elders.

On Sunday Schools—S. E. Steele, J. B. Feather, and J. W. Snodgrass.

On Bible Cause—S. Hitchens, F. Guthrie, and H. D. Rice.

On Periodicals—J. J. Dolliver, S. Barnes, J. W. Snodgrass, T. H. Monroe, and C. Conner.

On Tract Cause—T. H. Trainer, J. M. Powell, and M. Allen.

On Education—W. Hunter, R. A. Arthur, S. Barnes, M. Titchenell, T. Dougherty, J. J. Dolliver.

On Memoirs—W. Hunter, J. Drummond, M. Titchenell.

On Temperance—T. B. Hughes, J. M. Warden, and B. Ison.

On State of the Church—J. B. Blakeney, M. Titchenell, G. W. Richmond, J. M. Powell, V. Sanford, and H. C. Sanford.

Committee of Investigation in case of J. H. Temple—M. Titchenell, S. Steele, and J. L. Clark.—(To report next year.)

Committee of Trial in case Charles King—F. Guthrie, J. L. Clark, S. Barnes, J. M. Powell, J. J. Dolliver, A. Hall, T. H. Trainer, M. Titchenell, G. W. Richmond, and B. Ison. W. Hunter was appointed by the Bishop to preside, and J. W. Webb, Secretary, in said trial.

Committee of Trial in case of G. J. Nixon—Same as in case of Chas. King.

To collect Statistics—H. D. Rice.

To collect Accounts for Periodicals and Books—U. Pribble and E. L. Nicholson.

To receive Collections for Allegheny College—J. W. Reger.

To Publish Conference Minutes—S. Barnes, J. Drummond, R. L. Woodyard, J. B. Blakeney, J. L. Clark.

Stewards for ensuing Year—T. Daugherty, S. Barnes, J. M. Powell, R. Northcraft, and J. M. Warden.

To draft Constitution for a Conference Aid Society—J. L. Clark, F. Ball, J. W. Webb, A. Hall, and J. S. Patterson.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

First Year—D. H. K. Dix, W. E. Williamson, and P. Vandervort.

Second Year—A. Hall, R. Northcraft, and H. D. Rice.

Third Year—J. W. Snodgrass, S. E. Steele, and H. C. Sanford.

Fourth Year—A. Stevens, G. W. Richmond, and T. H. Trainer.

To Examine Candidates for Admission on Trial—M. Allen, W. L. Hindman, and E. Ford.

To Examine Local Preachers for Deacon's Orders—E. L. Nicholson, and W. C. Wilson.

To Examine Local Deacons for Elder's Orders—B. Ison, and J. B. Feather.

Disciplinary Questions.

QUESTION I.—Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER—Samuel Davis.

QUEST. II.—Who remain on trial?

ANS.—E. W. Ryan.

QUEST. III.—Who are admitted into full connection?

ANS.—W. D. Warman and James Warden.

QUEST. IV.—Who are the Deacons?

ANS.—H. Wallace, A. J. Lyon, T. M. Leslie, S. Hitchens, E. C. Wayman, W. D. Warman, and James M. Warden.

The following Local Preachers were ordained Deacons:—P. S. Barrack, W. D. Carrico, Jacob Waugh, James Burns, David Nutter, Joseph Mason, and Henry Kight.

QUEST. V.—Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?

ANS.—E. L. Nicholson, B. Darlington, L. D. Casto, A. B. Smith, B. F. Rogers, J. Sanford, M. V. B. White, and Patrick Hammill, who is a local preacher.

QUEST. VI.—Who have located this year?

ANS.—W. H. Wiley and W. H. Shaw.

QUEST. VII.—Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers?

ANS.—J. Birkett, D. McGinnis, A. Dixon, R. L. Brooks, G. Jones, M. Titchenell, A. R. Crislip, J. S. Patterson, F. Guthrie, A. Stevens, J. B. West, P. Green, and A. B. Rohrbough.

QUEST. VIII.—Who have been expelled from the Conference this year?

ANS.—None.

QUEST. IX.—Who have withdrawn this year?

ANS.—U. Pribble.

QUEST. X.—Were all the Preacher's characters examined?

ANS.—This was strictly attended to by calling over their names before the Conference.

QUEST. XI.—Who have died this year?

ANS.—Gordon Battelle.

QUEST. XII.—What is the number of Church Members, Probationers and Local Preachers?

ANS.—Members,	- - - - -	11,620
Probationers,	- - - - -	2,371
Local Preachers,	- - - - -	131

QUEST. XIII.—What amounts are necessary for the Superannuated Preachers, the widows and orphans of Preachers, and to make up the deficiency of those who have not received their regular allowance from the circuits?

ANS.—\$4,321 47.

QUEST. XIV.—What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

ANS.—Centenary Fund,	- - - - -	\$ 23 00
Chartered Fund,	- - - - -	30 00
Book Concern,	- - - - -	400 00
Conference and Necessitous Collections,	- - - - -	133 60
Total,	- - - - -	\$586 60

DISBURSEMENTS.

Widow Summers,	- \$ 40 00	C. Conner,	- \$ 10 00
Sister Battelle,	- 109 00	B. Hagar,	- 25 00
P. Green,	- 60 00	B. Darlington,	- 15 00
Levi Parke,	- 60 00	D. O. Stewart,	- 10 00
A. Dixon,	- 50 00	T. M. Leslie,	- 15 00
R. L. Brooks,	- 60 00	R. Northcraft,	- 10 00
F. Guthrie,	- 30 00	D. H. K. Dix,	- 10 00
A. J. Lyon,	- 10 00	Stationery, &c., &c.,	- 2 60
W. L. Hindman,	- 20 00		
H. Stevens,	- 25 00	Total,	- \$586 60
R. Hagar,	- 25 00		

F. BALL, *Chairman.*

QUEST. XV.—What has been contributed for the support of Missions, and what for the Sunday School Union, and for the American Bible Society, and for the circulation of Tracts?

Ans.—For the support of Missions, from			
Circuits and Stations,	- - -	\$2,237	98
Annual subscriptions of Preachers,	- - -	60	00
Anniversary meeting—Collection,	- - -	22	53
Anniversary meeting—On propositions,	- - -	73	65
		\$2,394	16
Sunday School Union,	- - -	\$25	10
American Bible Society,	- - -	14	38
Tract Cause,	- - -	37	08
		76	56
Total for benevolent purposes,			
		\$2,470	72

QUEST. XVI—Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.	POST OFFICES.
Morgantown Dist.	G. W. Arnold, P. E.,	Morgantown, Va.
Morgantown Sta.	T. Daugherty,	" "
Morgantown Cir.	A. A. Reger,	" "
Monongalia,	J. B. Feather,	Granville, Monongalia co., Va.
Brandonville,	W. C. Wilson, J. J. Dolliver,	Brandonville, Va.
Grantsville,	W. L. Hindman,	Grantsville, Allegheny co. Md.
Kingwood,	A. Hall, S. W. Davis,	Kingwood, Preston co., Va.
Oakland,	S. King,	Oakland, Allegheny co., Md.
St. George,	To be supplied,	
Evansville,	J. S. Hall,	Evansville, Preston co., Va.
Fetterman and		
Grafton,	B. Ison,	Grafton, Taylor co., Va.
Knottsville,	P. Vandervort,	Knottsville, Taylor co., Va.
Palatine,	M. V. B. White,	Palatine, Marion co., Va.
Blacksville,	W. D. Warman,	Blacksville, Mon'galia co., Va.
W. Hunter, Professor of Hebrew, Allegheny College, member of Morgantown Quarterly Conference, Meadville, Crawford co., Pa.		
T. Daugherty, Principal of Morgantown Female Collegiate Institute.		

WHEELING DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.	POST OFFICES.
Wheeling Dist.,	J. Drummond, P. E.,	Wheeling, Va.
" Fourth St.,	S. Barnes,	" "
" North	F. Ball,	" "
" Chapline	J. B. Blakeney,	" "
South Wheeling,	E. C. Wayman,	" "
Grave Creek,	R. L. Woodyard, one to be supplied,	Moundsville, Va.
Triadelphia,	J. L. Clark,	Wheeling, Va.
Marshall,	T. H. Trainer, one to be supplied,	Moundsville, Va.
Elizabeth and		
Moundsville,	H. D. Rice,	Moundsville, Va.
Green,	S. Hitchens,	Belton, Va.
New Martinsville,	C. Conner,	New Martinsville, Va.
Short Creek and		
Liberty,	G. W. Richmond,	West Liberty, Va.
Mannington,	W. E. Williamson,	Mannington, Marion co., Va.
G. Martin, Chaplain U. S. Army, member of Chapline Street Quarterly Conference.		

A. W. Gregg, Chaplain U. S. Army, member of South Wheeling Quarterly Conference.

W. R. Howe, Chaplain U. S. Army, member of Grave Creek Quarterly Conference.

A. J. Lyda, Chaplain U. S. Army, member of Elizabeth and Moundsville Quarterly Conference.

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.

PREACHERS.

POST OFFICES.

Clarksburg Dist...	J. W. Reger, P. E.,	Fairmont, Marion Co., Va.
Clarksburg,	To be supplied,	Clarksburg, Va.
West Milford,	D. O. Stuart, J. B. Pinchen,	West Milford, Harrison co. Va.
Weston,	J. Sanford,	Weston, Lewis co., Va.
Frenchton,	C. King,	
Pruntytown,	J. W. Snodgrass, L. D. Casto,	Pruntytown, Taylor co., Va.
Philippi,	T. M. Leslie,	Philippi, Barbour co., Va.
Buckannon,	J. W. Powell,	Buckannon, Upshur co., Va.
Upshur,	B. F. Rogers,	
Fairmont,	J. W. Webb,	Fairmont, Marion co., Va.
Marion,	To be supplied,	Barracksville, Marion co., Va.
Lumberport,	E. Ford,	Lumberport, Marion co., Va.
Beverly,	R. M. Wallace,	Beverly, Randolph co., Va.
Salem,	To be supplied,	

A. Martin, Professor Allegheny College, member of West Milford Quarterly Conference.

J. L. Irwin, Chaplain U. S. Army, member of Fairmont Quarterly Conference.

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.

PREACHERS.

POST OFFICES.

Parkersburg Dis..	S. Steele, P. E.,	Parkersburg, Va.
Parkersburg Sta.	T. H. Monroe,	" "
Elizabeth,	R. Northcraft,	
Murraysville,	E. L. Nicholson,	Murraysville, Jackson co., Va.
Newark,	A. J. Lyon,	
Ripley,	F. H. J. King,	Ripley, Jackson co., Va.
Spencer,	To be supplied,	
Williamstown,	V. Sanford,	Williamstown, Wood co., Va.
Harrisville,	M. Allen, one to be supplied,	Harrisville, Ritchie co., Va.
West Union,	H. Wallace,	West Union, Doddridge co. Va.
Middlebourne,	T. B. Hughes,	Middlebourne, Tyler co., Va.
Sistersville,	S. E. Steele,	Sistersville, Tyler co., Va.
Glenville,	D. Cool,	Glenville, Gilmer co., Va.

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.

PREACHERS.

POST OFFICES.

Charleston Dis...	H. Stevens, P. E.,	Charleston, C. H., Va.
Charleston Station	To be supplied,	" " "
Charleston and		
Malden Circuit	J. W. Warden,	Malden, Kanawha co., Va.
Pocatalico,	R. Hagar,	
Putnam,	To be supplied,	
Pt. Pleasant, Monticello, Hartford		
City and Letart,	D. H. K. Dix, W. Ryan,	Point Pleasant, Mason co. Va.
Guyandotte and		
Catlettsburg,	H. C. Sanford,	Catlettsburg, Ky.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.	POST OFFICES.
Wayne and Sandy, To be supplied.....	Louisa, Lawrence co., Ky.	
Coal River and		
Hamline,.....	B. Hagar,.....	
Elk River and		
Calhoun,.....	To be supplied.....	
Sutton and Addi-		
son,.....	To be supplied.....	
Summerville, Fay-		
ette, Mountain		
Cove and Raleigh	B. Darlington,.....	
Wyoming and Lo-		
gan,.....	To be supplied.....	
R. A. Arthur, Professor Ohio University, member of Charleston Quarterly Conference.		
G. J. Nixon, transferred to West Iowa Conference.		

Reports.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

GORDON BATTELLE was born in Newport, Washington co., Ohio, November 14th, 1814. Almost from his earliest recollection he was the subject of religious impressions. These impressions were deepened, through the influence of the Sabbath School, which he regularly attended in his boyhood. When he was about thirteen years of age, his parents and several other members of his family united with the church. His religious impressions were then very strong, but he continued in an undecided state of mind till February, 1829, when having fully resolved to serve God, he gave his name as a probationer to Rev. P. M. McGowan, at a class meeting; and not long afterward was justified by faith and received the "Spirit of adoption."

He spent the summer of 1833 in attending the Marietta College. Afterward he concluded that he would avail himself of the advantages for education offered by Allegheny College. This step, which he viewed, as thenceforward giving "direction and character" to his "whole life," together with all its results, he ascribed, "under God, to the gentle counsels and influence" of a beloved sister of rare mental endowments, whose "piety was deep, thorough, eminently experimental and practical," and who "lived for God." He graduated in 1840 with the highest honors of his class; and in due course received the degree of Master of Arts. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by the Ohio University at Athens, in 1861.

On returning home from College he had some hesitation touching

his future calling. He was inclined to make law his profession, and with this view entered his name with a lawyer, though in doing so his course was not perfectly clear, nor was his mind yet fully decided. While thus hesitating he was called, as he believed providentially, to take charge of Asbury Academy, in Parkersburg, Wood co., Va., which was then under the patronage of the Ohio Annual Conference. This call he accepted, entering upon the duties of his office in October, 1840, and he was continued in that position as Principal of the school till 1843. While thus engaged he was, in 1842, by the unexpected action of the Parkersburg Quarterly Conference, Rev. S. Hamilton presiding, licensed to preach. He had not at that time any overwhelming conviction that he "must preach," but he deemed it his duty to listen to the deliberately expressed judgment of the Church, and after weighing the matter thoroughly and prayerfully, with unfeigned diffidence, and "with no other desire than to do the will of God," he consented to take upon himself the duties of the ministry.

In December, 1843, he took charge of the Northwestern Virginia Academy, in Clarksburg, Harrison co., Va., which was then under the patronage of the Pittsburg Conference, and he continued at the head of this institution upwards of seven years, discharging the duties of his office with much labor and care, and very acceptably. In 1845 he was recommended by the Clarksburg Quarterly Conference to the Pittsburg Conference, for admission into the traveling connexion, and was received. He was perfectly willing to take any appointment that might be given him, but he was continued from year to year in charge of the academy till 1851, when he resigned that position. Meanwhile he had been ordained a deacon by Bishop Janes, in 1847, and an elder by Bishop Waugh, in 1840.

He had for some time felt a strong desire to enter upon the regular, active duties of an itinerant preacher, and, having resigned his position as Principal of the academy, this desire was gratified at the ensuing session of the Western Virginia Conference by appointing him to the Charleston station, where he remained two years. During the next two years he was stationed at Fourth-street, Wheeling. In 1855 he was elected to the ensuing General Conference, and was appointed presiding elder of the Clarksburg district. This appointment was made in opposition to his own "conviction of fitness and propriety," but after prayerfully considering the matter he resolved to act not according to his "own will, but as a son in the Gospel." Accordingly he entered upon his work resolved to "read more," to "study more," to "pray more—more frequently, more regularly, more believingly," and to seek "more of the graces of the Holy Spirit." He was continued four years on this district, diligently attending to the various duties of his office, and, "laying aside the study of the world and of the flesh," he waxed "riper and stronger" in his ministry, and was a "faithful dispenser of the Word of God, and of his holy sacraments."

Duly appreciating his services in the General Conference of 1856, his brethren again elected him in 1859 by a vote which placed him

at the head of their delegation to represent them in the General Conference of 1860, and well and ably did he do so. At the same Conference he was appointed to the Wheeling district. On this district he labored with his usual promptitude and energy for more than two years. From the time when he left the academy in Clarksburg till the breaking out of the rebellion his *sole* business had been to "minister the doctrine, and sacraments, and discipline of Christ as the Lord hath commanded." But when rebellious tyrants, bent on "rule or ruin," endeavored to overthrow our Government, and to strip us of both civil and religious liberty, he deemed it a sacred duty to serve his country when called to do so by the proper civil and military authorities, and by the voice of his fellow-citizens.

In October, 1861, he was appointed by Governor Peirpoint to visit Philippi, Elk Water, Cheat Mountain, and other military camps in Western Virginia, to ascertain and report the condition of the volunteers in reference to health, food, clothing, &c. This mission he performed satisfactorily, and while engaged in it he was elected as a delegate to the Convention to form a Constitution for the new State of West Virginia. He had previously devoted his eloquence, his logic, his pen, and all his energies to the preservation of the Union and liberty, and was distinguished for his indomitable fortitude and sterling patriotism. Hence his election to the Convention—an election the more honorable to him inasmuch as he was nominated and elected when absent attending to the duty assigned him by the Governor, and he knew not that he had even been thought of as a candidate until he saw his name announced in the Wheeling newspapers which reached him in some of the military camps. In that convention he stood forth as the fearless, earnest and able advocate of gradual emancipation in the proposed new State. The resolutions which he offered upon that important subject were not adopted by the Convention, but the principles on which they were based have since received the unanimous vote of that Convention, and so will live in the history of Western Virginia when the enormous evil which they were designed to eradicate shall exist no more.

In November, 1861, he was duly chosen and appointed to the chaplaincy of the 1st regiment of Virginia volunteers, which office he accepted, and at the next session of his Conference, in March, 1862, his action was sanctioned by appointing him to the same office, in accordance with the provisions of our Discipline. As soon as the Conference adjourned he hastened back to his regiment, and continued in the service of his country until death released him from all his toil and suffering.

In June, as his health was impaired, he obtained a furlough, and visited his family, in Wheeling, for the last time. He remained with them ten or twelve days, and then returned to his regiment, at that time encamped near Alexandria, Va. As his health was poor, and the sick and the wounded of his regiment were in the hospitals in and about Washington, that he might the more readily

attend to all his duties, he took boarding in the city. On the 6th of July he preached his last sermon. On the 7th or 8th he found it necessary to employ a physician. His disease was fever, probably induced by the fatigue and exposure attending his services in the camp and in the hospitals, and it soon assumed a typhoid character. His sufferings were borne with remarkable patience. During his illness he was most of the time comatose, and more or less delirious: but at times, when aroused, he would converse rationally for a few moments. At one time, when for a few moments free from delirium and stupor, he expressed a hope that he would "recover to render further service to the country and the Church." And touching his prospects in a future state he remarked: "I trust in my Redeemer. I have no merit of my own. All my trust is in him." He lingered until the 7th of August, when he faintly uttered the last words that were heard from his lips: "Praise the Lord!"

Brother Battelle was blessed with vigorous intellectual powers of a high order, which were trained and consecrated to the interests of humanity and the glory of God. In the pulpit, on the platform, on the floor of the Conference room, and, indeed, on all occasions, he was calm, clear, strong, dignified and self-possessed, as if fully conscious of his own superior endowments and acquired abilities, and yet he was gentle, meek and unassuming. In argument he was frank, manly, forcible, and uniformly courteous and kind; and in council he was deliberate, prudent and sagacious.

As a preacher he was vigilant, assiduous and persevering, "having his work greatly at heart," and "serving the Lord with all humility of mind," "in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity"—coveting "no man's silver, or gold, or apparel," but saying most emphatically by his deportment to those whom he served: "I seek not *yours*, but *you*." His time, his talents, his learning, his experience, were devoted to the one great end for which the ministry was instituted—the *salvation of souls*. And he has left behind him a name and an influence in both Church and State which will be long and gratefully remembered by thousands. For the fruits of his godly example and his pious and patriotic labors remain with us, and "he, being dead, yet speaketh."

W. HUNTER,	} Committee.
M. TITCHENELL,	
J. DRUMMOND,	

Report of Committee on the State of the Church.

PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNMENT.

Government is of God. Governors may not, indeed, be of God, but *government* is of God. Without power there could be no government, but God is power, and that power sets the whole machinery of government in motion. "There is no power but of God. The powers that be, are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore

resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God, and they that resist shall receive unto themselves damnation." *The powers that be* are the legally constituted Rulers of the people; and, while they are governed by constitutional law (and all civilized nations have certain constitutional laws,) they wield a power ordained of God, which power can be resisted only by rebels, and that by treason, not only against human, but also against Divine government.

ARTICLE 23RD OF METHODIST DISCIPLINE.

"The President, the Congress, the General Assemblies, the Governors, and the Councils of State, *as the delegates of the people*, are the Rulers of the United States of America, according to the division of power made to them by the constitution of the United States, and by the constitutions of their respective States. And the said States are a sovereign and independent nation, and ought not to be subject to any foreign jurisdiction."

LOYALTY OF THE M. E. CHURCH.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has existed in Western Virginia from the beginning of its settlement. Her preachers were with our fathers in their cabins, in their stockade forts, and in the wilderness, and bore their part in every improvement in the country, from its rudest state to what it was when this wicked rebellion was forced upon us by the slavery propagandists of the South and their sympathizers amongst us. As a people, the Methodists have ever sought to be quiet and law-abiding, yet notwithstanding this, they have for many years been subject to the unjust, because unfounded, mad-dog cry of *Abolitionists*.

The rebellion having been gotten up for the purpose of lengthening the cords, tightening the bands, and strengthening the stakes of slavery, every loyal citizen was found to be in the way of its demoniac abettors. As a consequence, because none were more loyal, so none have suffered more, from the hands of traitors, than our brethren of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They are this day in many places suffering untold miseries. Many of them have been murdered in cold blood, as in the case of *Arthur* and *Mace*. Our women have been carried from their houses, even when sick, and laid upon the ground, while their houses were burned before their eyes. Others have been driven from their homes and robbed of their entire possessions, but still they are loyal to the government and to the church. Brethren, are we true to them as their Pastors, and will we labor and suffer with them till the storm is over, or will we leave them scattered and peeled without shepherds?

OF THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

We have unshaken confidence in our form of civil government, and believe that pure republican principles are the principles that God will own and defend in time to come, as he has done in time past.

THE PRESIDENT.

Our confidence in President Lincoln and his Cabinet is undimin-

ished, and we fully believe, that, under God, their pure patriotism will finally triumph, the Union be preserved, peace restored, traitors punished, and thirty-five stars grace the blue field of our national flag, which shall forever hereafter wave in triumph over our redeemed nation.

THE WAR.

We declare, without any mental reservation, that it is our firm belief that no just cause, either now or at any former period in our history, justifies this wicked rebellion; that, therefore the war waged by the South is wicked, cruel and unjust.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we tender to the President of the United States our prayers and support in every lawful way by which we can aid him, in suppressing this wicked rebellion, and in bringing traitors to justice.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with our brethren and friends who either have suffered or are now suffering from this wicked and unprovoked war.

Resolved, That so long as our people are compelled to remain and suffer for being loyal to the best government God ever gave to man, we will remain with them, that we may share life's toils and God's promises together.

M. TITCHENELL,	} Committee.
G. W. RICHMOND,	
J. M. POWELL,	
V. SANFORD,	
H. C. SANFORD,	

REPORT ON ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

To the Bishop and Members of the Western Virginia Annual Conference:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The Trustees of Allegheny College would report the Institution in a healthful condition. The number of students has been but slightly diminished by the war. The expenses have not exceeded the income. Prof. James Marvin, elected to the vacant chair of Mathematics, has entered upon his duties. Prof. J. Tingley, elected to the chair of Natural Science, vacated by the resignation of Prof. L. D. Williams, now a Chaplain in the army, will enter upon his duties at the commencement of next term.

An effort has been made and will continue to be made to increase the endowment funds. Hon. B. Chamberlain, of Randolph, N. Y., has given \$10,000. A friend of the College in Pittsburg, has given \$7,500 this year. Last year he gave \$2,000, and previously \$500, making his donation \$10,000. These are mentioned as noble examples worthy of imitation. Other donations will appear in a subse-

quent report. Meadville is now in railroad communication with New York and the Great West.

The College still relies most confidently upon the sympathy and patronage of the Western Virginia Conference.

By order of the Trustees,

GEO. LOOMIS.

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE, *Meadville, Pa., March 12, 1863.*

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education report that no documents have been referred to them, except one from the Trustees of Allegheny College.

From this report they learn that the College is in a prosperous condition, notwithstanding the unfavorable state of the country. The number of students has been but slightly diminished, and the funds of the institution greatly increased during the year. The College is now upon a much better financial basis than ever heretofore. The committee feel themselves authorized to say that this improved financial state is greatly due to the valuable labors of the President of the Faculty, Dr. Loomis. The Board of Instructors is now more full and complete than it has been for years, and the College is becoming more thoroughly qualified for discharging its important functions for the benefit of the Church and the community.

Your committee offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we will continue our efforts to promote the welfare of Allegheny College, as well worthy of our prayers and sympathies and of the patronage of our people.

Resolved, That Rev. J. Drummond, Alex. Martin, Hon. W. T. Willey, and C. D. Hubbard, Esq., be members of the joint committee of control for the year.

Resolved, That Rev. R. A. Arthur, J. B. Blakeney, M. Titchnell, George M. Hagans, and H. K. List be the visiting committee for the present year.

Resolved, That Dr. Daugherty be and is hereby appointed to arrange for and superintend the educational anniversary to be held on the second evening of our next session.

Resolved, That Bro. Titchnell be a committee to see that the proceeds of the Educational Fund be applied to the education of Methodist Ministers or their children.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

The Periodical Press is still an arm of great power. Its issues, sent broadcast almost everywhere, tell in their effects, upon the minds and hearts of the people. 'Tis true, that through it, the

powers of darkness are working, but the children of light are not idle.

The Religious Press sends forth its legions, armed with the broad, sharp sword of truth, which, being wielded by mighty arms, ever puts the enemy to flight. What now is wanted, is that its efforts be properly seconded and final victory will be speedy and complete.

Our several Advocates are ably conducted, and no Methodist should be without one or more of them. We should have at least one paper in general circulation amongst us here.

The *Pittsburg Advocate* we feel especially to be ours, and the committee would urge upon the agents the necessity of continuing the vigorous efforts already made in its behalf amongst us. And not only for the sake of the *Advocate* alone, do we urge it, but that the holy fire of Christianity may thus be caused to burn yet more brightly in the souls of our people, and that their children may have better reading than foolishness and fiction.

Our Monthlies are good, as ever.

The *Ladies' Repository* converses most charmingly with its numerous readers, and its faithful and agreeable words make it worthy of the patronage and perusal of thousands who have never yet made its acquaintance.

The *Methodist Quarterly Review* is full of interest, and invaluable especially to Ministers of the Gospel.

Brethren, let us assist our fellow laborers, who work through the press, that the good seed may be sown far and wide and bring forth abundantly "the peaceable fruits of righteousness."

JAMES J. DOLLIVER,	} Committee.
S. BARNES,	
T. H. MONROE,	
J. W. SNODGRASS,	
C. CONNER,	

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School interests of the Conference having been before us, we submit the following report:

No one feature of our work, as a Conference, demands more of our attention or more earnest effort than the cause of Sunday Schools. This is not a work of doubtful experiment. Hundreds are being converted to God and brought into the Church every year through Sunday School effort. A mighty host of children are under the direct influence of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the Sunday School. Under these influences of incitement to diligence and duty, the Church ought to feel her responsibility. Therefore, the great subject that now interests us as watchmen on the walls of our Zion, and guardians of the morals of our holy religion, is to inquire earnestly and in the fear of God, what are we doing in this inviting field of labor and usefulness?

Brethren, we are compelled to report, though reluctantly, that the result of our observation and investigation does not furnish to our minds so clear a proof of our attachment for this part of our high calling and our determination to improve this department of the Church, as is requisite. We have received reports from only 35 charges. They report 128 schools, 6,116 scholars, 1,314 officers and teachers, 1,200 scholars in infant classes, and \$25 10 cents for the Sunday School Union. The expenses of the Schools are set down at \$820 36.

In view of the foregoing considerations, and others that might be named, the following resolutions are presented for adoption by the Conference :

Resolved, That the Sunday School cause demands, more than ever, the sympathy and labors of both preachers and people.

Resolved, That all our people be considered members of the Sunday School, and that we will expect them to attend, in person, whenever practicable.

Resolved, That we hereby pledge ourselves to increase our exertions in the Sunday School cause.

Resolved, That as there are but 412 *Sunday School Advocates* taken in our bounds, we will make a vigorous effort to increase the circulation of that paper.

Resolved, That we recommend to all our Sunday Schools to patronise the *Sunday School Teachers' Journal*.

FAIRMONT, *March* 20, 1863.

S. E. STEELE,	} <i>Committee.</i>
JOS. B. FEATHER,	
J. W. SNODGRASS,	

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Temperance, beg leave to report as follows:

WHEREAS, Intemperance is a great evil and prevails to an alarming extent in our beloved country, Therefore

Resolved, That we will earnestly and perseveringly discountenance the use of ardent spirits, as a beverage, and that we will preach on the subject of Temperance during the ensuing year.

T. B. HUGHES,	} <i>Committee.</i>
B. ISON,	
J. M. WARDEN,	

Report of the Committee on the Bible Cause.

The Committee to whom was referred the Bible Cause report \$14 38.

We regret that the amount collected within our bounds for the

American Bible Society is so small. This is attributable chiefly to the sad effects on many of our fields of labor, of the unhappy and devastating war raging in our midst. But as we look forward with pleasing anticipation to the opening of a brighter future, we hope that by a vigorous effort on the part of the preachers, in their various charges, we may be able to do much more for a cause productive of so much good to humanity, suffering for the word of life, than we have ever yet done. Therefore your committee recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we retain undiminished confidence in the American Bible Society.

Resolved, That we will continue to give it our support, and present its interests to our congregations, and take up collections for it, if practicable, in each Society in our different charges.

S. HITCHENS,
F. GUTHRIE,
H. D. RICE, } *Committee.*

REPORT ON THE TRACT CAUSE.

The Committee to whom was referred the Tract cause, present the following report:

Only five charges have presented a formal report, and the whole amount of money reported is only \$15 65. We find however, in addition to this, that \$21 43 has been expended for tracts, which have been distributed during the year. We believe the cause demands and is worthy of a better support. We commend it to the earnest attention of all our preachers and people. For next to the preaching of the gospel, the printed truth is an instrument of power for the conversion of the world, which the church should wield with an earnestness corresponding to its importance. She should employ the Tract agency with a vigor that would soon place our cause upon an elevation where it would compel the respect, admiration and support of all earnest workers for the world's redemption. Therefore,

Resolved, That we will bring this cause before the people in all our charges, the coming year, and take up a collection, whenever it is practicable, for its support.

T. H. TRAINER,
J. M. POWELL,
M. ALLEN, } *Committee.*

REPORT IN THE CASE OF BRO. KING.

The Committee appointed in the case of Charles King, report that in their judgment, certain of the specifications against said Charles King, which have been sustained, do not sustain the charge

under which they were made, as involving wilful and deliberate falsehood; but they believe that he has been guilty of making loose and unguarded statements, for which they reprove him, and admonish him to be more guarded and circumspect in the future; and they recommend that his character now pass.

FRANCIS GUTHRIE,	A. HALL,
SAMUEL BARNES,	J. M. POWELL,
G. W. RICHMOND,	B. ISON,
J. J. DOLLIVER,	M. TITCHENELL,
T. H. TRAINER,	J. L. CLARK,

Committee.

J. W. WEBB, *Sec'y.*
FAIRMONT, *March 21, 1863.*

W. HUNTER, *Ch'm.*

REPORT IN THE CASE OF BRO. NIXON.

The Committee in the case of C. King against G. J. Nixon, report that the specifications and charges have not been sustained.

J. W. WEBB, *Sec'y.*

W. HUNTER, *Ch'm.*

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we will take up, during the year, in each appointment of every charge, a collection to defray the expenses of our delegates to the next General Conference.

Resolved, That the Bishops be requested to put one week between the next sessions of the Pittsburg and Western Virginia Conferences.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elder of the Clarksburg District, M. Titchenell, and James Burns, be a committee to ascertain what money, if any, has been left to this Conference, for benevolent purposes, by the late Mother Burns, and report at our next session.

REV. ALEX. MARTIN was appointed by the Conference to take the place of Rev. G. Battelle, deceased, on the publishing committee of the *Pittsburg Christian Advocate*.

REV. J. W. REGER was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon at our next session.

REV. G. W. RICHMOND was appointed to preach the Conference Sermon at our next session.

THE next session of the Conference will be held in Parkersburg, Wood co., Va.

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.				BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				
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MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.																				
Morgantown Station,.....	214	1	1	2	5	5	1	8 000	1	1 800		251 00				8	92	381	1260	
Morgantown Circuit,.....	430	4	75	2	5	5	8	4 050	1	525	2 50	66 30	3 00	3 60	2 50	6	60	350	200	
Monongalia,.....	404	4	72	3	12	...	8	4,300	1	250		17 75	50			6	60	350	200	
Kingwood,.....	377	3	135	2	1	1	3	2,500			18 00	100 00			6 00	12	128	425	1545	
Brandonville,.....	316	2	42	3	1	10	8	4,000	1	150	50	20 00		50	1 00	6	40	150	1500	
Grantsville,.....	296	4	46	4	3	45	5	3 000				51 10				3	30	150	300	
Oakland,.....	266	2	136	2	25	30	5	2 500	1	375		25 00								
Evansville,.....	296	2	162	1		14	7	2,500	1	250		52 30		3 00	2 00					
Grafton,.....	108	3	30			14	2	1,500			8 00	20 00	1 55	1 38	2 00	2	24	100	900	
Knottsville,.....	188	4	38	2	2	2	2	600				22 00				2	24	100	50	
Palatine,.....	294	7	30	7	4	6	6	4,000				19 00			3 20	4	40	140	400	
St. George,.....	169	4	25	3			4	1,000												
Blacksville,.....	396	3	34	3	20	15	5	2,650	1	125		9 00				7	80	400	1500	
Total,.....	3749	39	825	32	78	142	64	40,600	7	3,475	29 00	654 45	5 05	8 48	16 70	50	518	2196	7655	
WHEELING DISTRICT.																				
Wheeling Fourth Street,.....	522	4	180	2	49	26	2	13,000			50 00	790 63	11 43			3	64	534	2003	
Wheeling North Street,.....	154	1	4	1	7	19	1	4 500	1	750	8 55	44 15		1 00	1 25	2	25	190	700	
Wheeling Chapline Street,.....	269	...	2	2	...	7	1	4 000	1	1,200	21 75	230 25	6 10	2 00	1 30	1	28	220	500	
South Wheeling,.....	36	2	100	...	12	30	1	1 500				25 00				1	25	175	400	
Grave Creek,.....	385	3	37	1	5	7	6	3,000	1	300		28 50				7	80	300	800	
Triadelphia,.....	147	...	3	...	...	...	2	1,500	1	400		15 00				2	8	130	110	
Marshall,.....	393	6	52	4	3	36	7	3,000				69 75	10 00			8	80	350	1000	
Elizabeth and Moundsville,.....	145	...	71	1	1	1	1	4,000	1	600		20 55				1	20	100	400	
Greene,.....	99	3	28	3	2	3	3	700				5 00				3	24	150	280	
New Martinsville,.....	157	...	2	1	3	1	3	1,200				8 15				5	30	130	440	
Short Creek and Liberty,.....	191	2	3	...	11	15	2	2,000	1	400		15 00				2	20	100	300	
Mannington,.....	276	1	35	3	14	...	3	3,800	1	400		22 85				6	86	806	1261	
Total,.....	2573	22	517	18	107	145	37	42,200	7	4,050	80 30	1,274 83	27 53	3 00	2 55	43	480	2685	8194	

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers	L. Preachers	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday S. Union.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.
CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.																			
Fairmont Station,.....	95	3	2	...	...	...	1	5,000	1	800	...	16 25	...	...	...	1	14	75	400
Pruntytown,.....	296	1 52	7	...	2	8	8	3,800	1	300	1 00	20 75	...	...	...	13	30	100	200
Marion,.....	440	2 120	2	...	7	7	7	3,000	1	400	...	3 00	...	...	...	7	75	300	700
Phillippi,.....	259	2 80	2	...	6	6	8	2,800	1	50	...	5 00	...	...	...	2	29	100	220
Buckhannon,.....	394	6 97	8	10	7	7	7	3,500	...	...	...	33 70	...	...	...	4	30	150	500
Upshur,.....	275	1	1	1	4	6	6	1,060	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	8	20	15
West Milford,.....	570	3 91	4	1	5	9	9	6,500	1	600	2 50	50 00	...	...	...	2	10	35	200
Weston,.....	203	2 39	3	1	10	3	3	1,400	1	400	...	...	...	...	...	4	42	132	492
Frenchton,.....	449	...	...	...	8	8	8	4,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lumberport,.....	259	5 50	2	1	1	8	8	3,400	...	...	...	15 15	...	...	...	1	7	60	230
Beverly,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total,.....	3270	21 593	31	15	35	65	65	34,460	6	2,550	3 50	137 95	...	...	...	35	245	962	2927
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.																			
Parkersburg Station,.....	189	48	4	...	...	...	1	10,000	1	2,000	...	3 15	Paid	by Su	Sch'l	1	31	160	485
Murravsville,.....	159	3 65	2	5	8	4	4	1,200	...	...	...	30 30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
West Union,.....	262	2 15	3	8	6	4	4	1,500	...	...	...	1 00	...	...	...	2	18	47	325
Sistersville,.....	227	3 71	3	7	12	3	3	3,000	...	...	...	16 50	...	...	...	1	8	53	...
Middlebourne,.....	334	4 48	3	15	12	7	7	3,000	1	300	...	13 60	...	...	...	7	61	218	745
Williamstown,.....	198	2 16	6	1	5	6	6	2,000	1	1,000	...	3 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Harrisville,.....	630	7 75	12	13	16	8	8	2,600	1	500	...	50 00	...	2 00	2 20	7	82	360	1100
Newark,.....	103	10	1	...	...	1	1	150	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Elizabeth,.....	160	6 16	2	3	...	...	...	1,800	1	150	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Glenville,.....	100	1 12	3	5	...	5	5	2,250	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ripley,.....	75	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Spencer,.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total,.....	2435	28 388	29	57	66	39	39	27,500	5	2,550	...	117 55	...	2 00	2 20	18	200	838	2653

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	Members.	Deaths.	Probation'rs	L. Preachers	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference claim. ants.	For Missionary Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday S. Union.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	
KANAWHA DISTRICT.																				
Charleston Station.....	100	...	...	...	...	...	1	3 000	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	30	100	
Catlettsburg and Guyandotte.....	53	1	2	1	...	...	2	4,000	...	...	...	30 00	...	...	...	4	39	239	430	
Point Pleasant.....	127	1	37	1	...	...	4	2 500	...	...	...	6 00	Stole	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Pocatalico.....	34	...	15	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Hartford Station.....	57	1	...	1	...	5	2	1,800	...	...	...	7 05	...	...	5 00	3	18	130	175	
Summerville and Mountain Cove.....	222	4	51	7	2	5	5	1,000	1	200	...	6 60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Fayette and Raleigh.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5 50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Coal River.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 55	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total.....	593	7	108	11	2	10	14	12,300	1	200	...	56 70	...	...	5 00	8	64	399	705	
RECAPITULATION.																				
Morgantown District.....	2749	39	825	32	73	342	64	40 600	7	3,475	29 00	654 45	5 05	8 48	16 70	50	518	2196	7655	
Wheeling ".....	2573	22	517	18	107	145	37	42,201	7	4,050	80 30	1,274 83	27 53	3 00	2 55	43	490	2685	8194	
Clarksburg ".....	3270	21	533	31	15	31	65	34,460	6	2,550	3 50	137 9	...	...	...	35	245	962	1,927	
Parkersburg ".....	2435	28	388	39	57	66	39	27,500	5	3,950	...	117 55	...	2 00	2 20	18	200	838	2,650	
Kanawha ".....	593	7	108	11	2	10	14	12 300	1	200	...	56 70	...	...	5 00	8	64	399	705	
											2 237 98		From Anni ver'y							
											*156 18									
Total this Year.....	11620	117	2371	131	254	398	219	157,061	26	14,225	112 80	2 394 16	32 58	13 48	26 45	154	1517	7080	22136	
Last Year.....	15316	130	1304	124	232	335	229	162,475	22	13 000	60 45	1 220 43	69 00	23 30	11 81	124	1230	6159	21041	
Increase.....	...	...	1067	7	22	63	...	...	4	1,225	52 35	1,173 68	...	...	14 64	30	287	921	1195	
Decrease.....	3696	13	...	...	...	...	10	5 415	...	...	...	...	36 42	14 82	...	...	...	...	...	

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

STATIONS.	PREACHERS.	CLAIMS.	REC'TS.	DEFICIEN'S	CONF COL.	TRAV. EXP.
Morgantown District.						
Morgantown District..	G. W. Arnold,...	624 00	612 00	12 00	.....	.....
Morgantown Station..	J. B. Blakeney,...	509 00	509 00	.....	20 00	.....
Morgantown Circuit..	A. A. Reger,....	500 00	500 00	.....	2 80	.....
Monongalia,.....	D. O. Stewart,...	460 00	340 70	119 30	.....	.....
".....	J. B. Pinchen,...	110 00	81 45	28 55	.....	.....
Brandonville,.....	U. Pribble,.....	320 50	275 50	47 00	1 00	.....
Grantsville,.....	J. W. Webb,....	330 00	330 00	.....	.....	38 00
".....	E. Engle,.....	100 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....
Kingwood,.....	F. Ball,.....	432 00	432 00	.....	18 00	18 00
Oakland,.....	J. J. Dolliver,...	450 00	450 00	.....	.....	5 00
St. George,.....	W. D. Warman,...	125 00	125 00	.....	.....	10 00
Evansville,.....	J. S. Hall,.....	340 00	340 00	.....	.....	25 00
Fetterman & Grafton,	B. Ison,.....	325 00	325 00	.....	8 00	.....
Knottsville,.....	P. Vandervoort,	350 00	325 00	25 00	.....	.....
Palatine,.....	M. V. B. White,	300 00	268 94	31 06	.....	.....
Blacksville,.....	J. B. Feather,...	300 00	300 00	.....	.....	10 00
Total,.....		5575 50	5314 59	262 91	49 80	106 00
Clarksburg District.						
Clarksburg District...	J. L. Irvin,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Milford,.....	W. C. Wilson,...	316 00	297 81	18 19	2 50	.....
".....	L. D. Casto,.....	100 00	94 24	5 76	.....	8 00
Weston,.....	S. Hitchens,	125 58	128 59	.....	.....	.....
Frenchton,.....	R. M. Wallace,...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pruntytown,.....	J. W. Snodgrass,	395 00	354 02	40 98	1 00	.....
".....	H. Wallace,.....	75 00	68 29	6 71	.....	.....
Philippi,.....	T. M. Leslie,....	350 00	221 50	137 50	.....	30 00
Buckhannon,.....	J. M. Powell,...	439 00	439 00	.....	.....	.....
".....	H. D. Rice and	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	Pinnell,.....	82 50	47 97	34 53	.....	.....
Upshur,.....	W. H. Wiley,....	110 00	60 00	50 00	.....	.....
Fairmont,.....	J. S. Patterson,.	400 00	203 84	196 16	.....	.....
Marion,.....	S. King and S.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	Harris,.....	148 00	148 00	.....	.....	.....
Lumberport,.....	E. Ford,.....	371 00	230 00	141 00	.....	.....
Beverly,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salem,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total,.....		2925 09	2284 26	630 77	8 50	38 00
Parkersburg District.						
Parkersburg District..	S. Steele,.....	675 00	570 46	104 54	.....	.....
Parkersburg Station,.	T. H. Monroe,...	625 00	625 00	.....	.....	.....
Elizabeth,.....	F. Guthrie,.....	350 00	183 00	167 00	.....	.....
Murraysville,.....	E. L. Nicholson,	300 00	283 33	16 67	.....	.....
Newark,.....	A. J. Lyon,.....	382 54	263 54	119 00	.....	.....
Ripley,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spencer,.....	B. F. Rogers,....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Williamstown,.....	V. Sanford,.....	300 00	270 00	30 00	.....	20 00
Harrisville,.....	M. Allen,.....	350 00	332 58	17 42	.....	20 00
".....	D. Cool,.....	100 00	70 00	30 00	.....	5 00
West Union,.....	T. B. Hughes,...	370 00	325 49	44 50	.....	.....
Middlebourne,.....	S. E. Steele,....	325 00	290 00	35 00	.....	10 00
Sistersville,.....	R. Northcraft,...	375 00	287 00	88 00	.....	6 62
Glenville,.....	W. L. Hindman,	358 00	126 00	232 00	.....	21 00
Total,.....		4510 54	3626 40	884 14	.....	82 62

STATIONS.	PREACHERS.	CLAIMS.	REC'TS.	DEFI- CIEN'S	CONF COL.	TRAV. EXP.
Wheeling District.						
Wheeling District,....	J. Drummond,...	545 00	513 91	31 09	.....	120 00
Wheeling Fourth St.,	S. Barnes,.....	950 00	950 00	.....	50 00	43 00
Wheeling Chapline St,	G. Martin,.....	413 25	413 25	.....	21 75	.....
" " "	G. W. Richmond,	180 00	180 00	.....	.....	.....
Wheeling North St.,	E. L. Clark,.....	500 00	500 00	.....	8 55	3 00
South Wheeling,.....	J. C. Wayman,...	150 00	150 00	.....	.....	.....
" " "	A. W. Gregg,...	50 00	50 00	.....	.....	.....
Grave Creek,.....	T. H. Trainer,...	285 00	285 00	.....	.....	.....
" " "	E. Dowler,.....	100 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....
Triadelphia,.....	W. R. Howe,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marshall,.....	R. L. Woodyard,	425 00	425 00	.....	.....	7 84
" " "	C. H. Lakin,.....	50 00	50 00	.....	.....	3 50
Moundsville,.....	H. D. Rice,.....	100 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....
" " "	A. J. Lyda,.....	187 00	125 00	62 00	.....	.....
Greene,.....	J. Sanford,.....	100 00	92 00	8 00	.....	10 00
New Martinsville,...	D. H. K. Dix,...	421 00	329 00	92 00	.....	.....
Short Creek & Liberty,	W. E. Williamson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mannington,.....	A. Hall,.....	370 00	251 93	118 07	.....	.....
	Total,	4826 25	4515 09	311 16	80 30	187 34
Kanawha District.						
Kanawha District,....	G. J. Nixon,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charleston Station,...	H. Stevens,.....	525 00	271 00	254 00	1 00	.....
Kanawha,.....	J. M. Warden,...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Malden,.....	E. M. Ryon,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pocotalico,	R. Hager,.....	348 00	92 00	256 00	.....	.....
Putnam,.....	W. H. Shaw,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Point Pleasant,.....	J. M. Warden,...	315 00	276 74	38 26	.....	.....
Hartford City,.....	C. Conner,.....	450 00	291 00	159 00	.....	10 00
Catlettsburg & Guyan,	H. C. Sanford,...	140 00	140 00	.....	.....	10 00
Wayne,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sandy,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coal River,.....	B. Hager,.....	350 00	160 50	189 50	.....	20 00
Hamline,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elk River & Calhoun,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sutton & Addison,....	E. J. Johnson,...	200 00	60 00	140 00	.....	18 00
Summerv'le & M. Cove	B. Darlington,...	450 00	253 77	196 23	.....	.....
	Total,	2778 00	1545 92	123249	1 00	58 00

STEWARD'S SECOND REPORT.FAIRMONT, VA., *March 23, 1863.*

The Stewards offer the following as their second report:

We have estimated the amount necessary to assist the Superannuated Preachers and the widows and children of deceased Preachers in obtaining a comfortable support for the ensuing Conference year at

\$1,700 00

This amount has been assessed on the Districts, as follows:

Morgantown District,	-	-	-	-	\$525 00
Wheeling	"	-	-	-	515 00
Clarksburg	"	-	-	-	240 00
Parkersburg	"	-	-	-	275 00
Charleston	"	-	-	-	125 00

Total, - - - - - \$1,700 00

In view of the difficulty we have had in obtaining the information necessary to enable us to do the work assigned us, we offer for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That every preacher is hereby required to have all his reports, embracing his certificate, statistics, and collections prepared, so as to be handed over to the proper persons, on the second morning of the session of Conference.

Resolved, That every preacher who fails to do so, shall be reported to this body, and unless he can offer a satisfactory excuse, he shall be censured by the Conference.

F. BALL,	} <i>Stewards.</i>
J. L. CLARK,	
R. NORTHCRAFT,	
S. HITCHENS,	
H. STEVENS,	

FAIRMONT, *March 19, 1863.*

The Committee to which was referred the proposed amendment to the Financial Plan, beg leave to report that they unanimously recommend its adoption.

On behalf of the Committee,

JAMES L. CLARK.

Financial Plan, as Amended and Adopted by the Western Virginia Conference, March 19, 1863.

PART I.

1. A meeting of the Stewards and preacher or preachers, in each circuit or station, shall be held on the third Saturday after the close of each Annual Conference; the place of holding the meeting to be designated by the last quarterly Conference of the year.

2. It shall be the duty of the Stewards, at this meeting, to make an estimate of the amount necessary to furnish house rent, fuel,

traveling and moving expenses, and support for the families of the preacher or preachers appointed to labor for them; and it shall be the duty of this meeting to divide the whole amount among the several classes of the circuit or station, according to their number, circumstances and privileges.

3. It shall be the duty of this meeting to district the circuit or station among the Stewards, giving each his proportion of the classes to attend during the year.

4. It shall be the duty of each Steward, as soon as the estimate shall have been made, to inform each class within his district of the amount apportioned to them; whereupon each class shall appoint a Committee of their own number, consisting of five members, including the Leader and Steward of the class, who shall, as soon thereafter as practicable, assign to each member of the class the amount which, in the judgment of said Committee, each member ought, according to his or her respective ability, to pay quarterly for the support of the Gospel in the circuit or station, so that the entire sum apportioned by the Steward to that class shall be provided for, which amount so ascertained shall be read to the class at the next regular meeting of the class.

5. It shall be the duty of each Leader, or class Steward, to see that this amount is regularly collected, and placed in the hands of the Stewards or preachers weekly or quarterly.

6. It shall be the duty of the Stewards to circulate a subscription paper, for the support of the gospel, at all the appointments where it may be deemed expedient, among those persons who are not members of the Church, but are in the habit of attending upon our ministry.

7. It shall be the duty of each Presiding Elder, in every quarterly Conference of his district, to have the name of each Leader called by the Secretary, and at the same time report the apportionment of his class, the amount received, and deficiency, if any. To inquire if there be any of our members who refuse to contribute to the support of the gospel; and, if any, their reasons for thus refusing. If their excuses are not satisfactory, it shall be the duty of the Steward of that district of the circuit or station, or the preacher in charge, to visit them, and try to convince them of the great evil that must result from such a principle, if carried out.

8. It shall be the duty of the Stewards, at every quarterly meeting, to make report to all the members present of the state of the finances of the circuit or station—stating the amount received, and the deficiency, if any, of each class.

9. It shall be the duty of the Leader of every class that may be reported deficient, to inform his class immediately after the quarterly meeting, of the amount of their deficiencies, individually.

10. Each Presiding Elder is respectfully requested to inform this Conference, when he represents his district, whether this financial system has been attended to in all his charges.

11. The Presiding Elders are required, at the first quarterly meeting of this year, in each circuit and station, to bring the sub-

ject before the Conference, that the Stewards may be confirmed as the estimating committee, provided for in the Discipline.

12. The last quarterly Conference of this year is requested to appoint the Stewards an estimating Committee for the ensuing year, in conformity with the Discipline and this plan.

PART II.—CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

The Board of Conference Stewards shall hereafter be constituted by the appointment of one *preacher* and one *layman*, with an alternate, from each Presiding Elder's district, in the following manner: The former by nomination and election, as heretofore; the latter by a majority of its votes cast in his favor at the annual meeting of the district Stewards. Each lay Steward thus elected shall receive a certificate of his election, signed by the President and Secretary of the meeting. He shall have a home provided for him at the seat of Conference, with the privilege of sitting within the bar, and of participating in the discussion of any question of finance that may be brought before the Conference.

The joint Board thus constituted shall receive and distribute the funds under the direction of the Conference.

PART III.

1. At each session of the Conference, the Conference Stewards shall make an estimate of the amount necessary to assist "all the superannuated preachers and the widows and children of deceased preachers, in obtaining a comfortable support," and to apportion the same among the different districts according to their several ability.

2. Each Presiding Elder shall report to the district Steward's meeting, which fixes his own claim, the amount apportioned by the Conference Stewards to his district, and request the said meeting to divide the same among the circuits and stations of the district, according to their several ability; but if, in any district, no district Stewards meeting shall be held, then the Presiding Elder of that district and any two preachers and five Stewards, whom he may select, shall apportion the required sum among the several charges, according to their several ability.

3. It shall be the duty of each preacher in charge, to collect, if possible, in such manner as the quarterly conference may deem best, the amount apportioned to his charge, and to transmit the same to the Conference Stewards, and report it as money raised for superannuated preachers' widows and orphans.

4. All the money so raised, shall be distributed by the Conference Stewards among the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans who have claims upon the Conference funds, according to their several necessities.

Communication from Secretary Seward.

The following communication was received from Secretary Seward, by the Conference, read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, }
WASHINGTON, February 17, 1863. }

To the Rev. Samuel Steele, Secretary of the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Parkersburg, Wood County, West Virginia:

DEAR SIR:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the proceedings of the West Virginia Conference on the subject of the existing unhappy civil war. Those proceedings have been submitted to the President of the United States, and I am instructed by him to express his grateful appreciation of the pure religious and political sentiments which the Conference thus have expressed, and to thank them in the most affectionate manner for their assurances of cordial and earnest support.

Commending the members of the Conference and the religious society whose spiritual interests they have in charge to the protection and favor of Almighty God,

I am, Dear Sir, Your Obedient Servant,

WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

[The above was received by the Committee too late to insert it in the proper place.]

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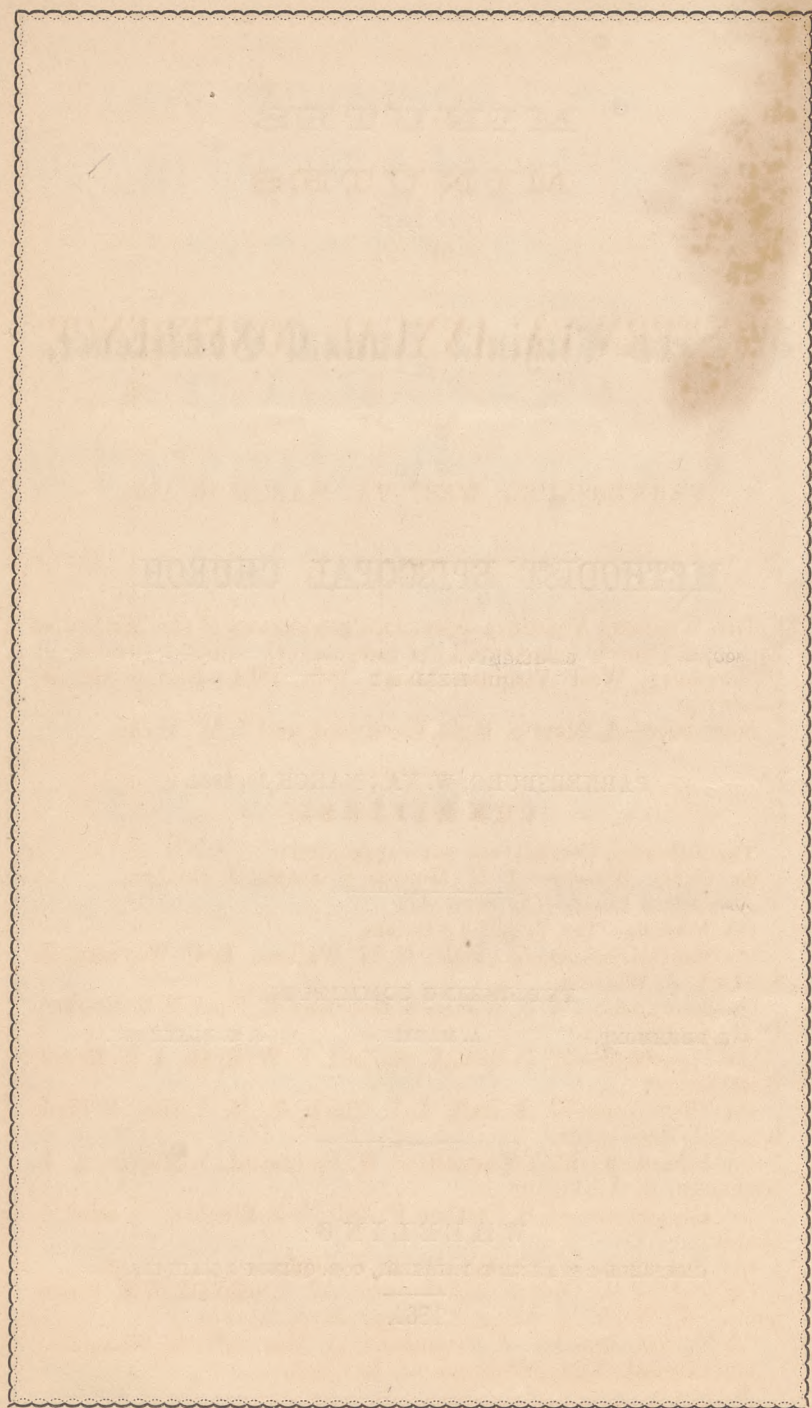
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THE WESTERN VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church commenced its Seventeenth Annual Session in Parkersburg, West Virginia, March 16th, 1864—Bishop Morris, presiding.

Secretaries—A. Martin, R. L. Woodyard, and J. W. Webb.

COMMITTEES.

The following Committees were appointed:

On Public Worship—T. H. Monroe, S. Steele, F. Guthrie.

Necessitous Cases—The Stewards.

On Missions—The Presiding Elders.

On Sunday Schools—A. Hall, R. H. Wallace, E. C. Wayman, J. Sanford, J. Warden.

On Bible Cause—W. C. Wilson, S. Hitchens, E. Ford, T. B. Hughes, D. H. K. Dix.

On Periodicals—H. D. Rice, V. Sanford, E. W. Ryan, A. A. Reger, D. O. Stuart.

On Tract Cause—J. S. Hall, J. L. Clark, T. M. Leslie, F. H. J. King, B. Darlington.

On Education—M. Titchenell, G. W. Richmond, A. Martin, E. L. Nicholson, R. A. Arthur.

On Temperance—J. B. Feather, F. Ball, J. B. Pinchen, D. Cool, B. Hagar.

On Post Offices—C. Conner, W. E. Williamson.

On State of the Church and Country—M. Titchenell, J. B. Blakeney, J. W. Webb, M. Allen, R. Hagar, R. A. Arthur.

To Publish Minutes—J. Drummond, A. Martin, J. B. Blakeney.

On Accounts from Pittsburgh—J. L. Clark.

On E. M. Warring's Pamphlet—J. W. Reger, G. W. Arnold, A. Hall.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

First Year—A. Hall, W. E. Williamson, T. M. Leslie.

Second Year—F. Ball, D. H. K. Dix, V. Sanford.

Third Year—A. Stevens, S. King, H. C. Sanford.

Fourth Year—B. Ison, J. B. Blakeney, J. M. Powell.

Candidates for Admission on Trial—Presiding Elder and Preacher in charge where the candidate is recommended.

Local Preachers for Deacon's Orders—G. W. Richmond, E. L. Nicholson.

Local Deacons for Elder's Orders—J. B. Feather, T. B. Hughes.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

On the case of A. J. Lyda—J. Drummond, M. Titchenell, G. W. Arnold.

On Expenses of Delegates to General Conference—J. L. Clark.

On Embarrassed Churches—Blakeney, Ball and Allen.

On the Will of N. Pumphrey—D. H. K. Dix, J. M. Phelps.

On Accounts from New York—T. M. Leslie.

On Subscriptions for Quarterly Review—B. Ison.

On the case of U. Pribble—H. Stevens, W. C. Wilson, G. W. Arnold.

On Educational Society—Titchenell, Lyda and Webb.

To Collect Incidents Touching the Church and the War in West Va.
—M. Titchenell.

Disciplinary Questions.

QUESTION I—Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER—T. M. Hartley, D. S. Benedum,—and J. S. P. Carroll, was re-admitted.

QUEST. II—Who remain on trial?

ANS.—S. W. Davis.

QUEST. III—Who are admitted into full connection?

ANS.—E. W. Ryan.

QUEST. IV—Who are the Deacons?

ANS.—W. D. Warman, J. M. Warden, E. W. Ryan.

QUEST. V—Who are elected and ordained Elders this year?

ANS.—R. H. Wallace, T. M. Leslie, S. Hitchens, E. C. Wayman, J. B. Pinchen, A. J. Lyon.

The following Local Preachers were ordained Deacons:—T. M. Hartley, D. C. Heaton, D. Charnock, J. Bird, E. J. Johnson.—E. Murphy was ordained a Local Elder.

QUEST. VI—Who have located this year?

ANS.—None.

QUEST. VII—Who are the superannuated or worn-out preachers?

ANS.—J. Birkett, A. B. Rohrbaugh, A. B. Smith, W. R. Carroll, D. A. McGinnis, A. Dixon, R. L. Brooks, G. Jones, P. Greene, W. R. Howe, J. S. Patterson, F. Guthrie, A. R. Crislip.

QUEST. VIII—Who have been expelled this year?

ANS.—None.

QUEST. IX—Who have withdrawn this year?

ANS.—None.

QUEST.—What is the number of Church Members, Probationers and Local Preachers?

ANS.—Members,	12,866
Probationers,	2,183
Local Preachers,	158

QUEST.—What amounts are necessary for the Superannuated Preachers, the widows and orphans of Preachers, and to make up the deficiency of those who have not received their regular allowance from the circuits?

ANS.—\$4,773 74.

QUEST.—What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

ANS.—Collected,	\$1,120 35
As follows: For Superannuated Preachers, &c.,	\$637 00
Centenary Fund,	18 90
Chartered Fund,	30 00
Book Concern,	400 00
Conference Collections,	34 45
	\$1,120 35

The money for Superannuates &c., was disbursed as follows:

Widow Summers,	\$ 78 00
R. L. Brooks,	130 10
A. Dixon,	26 00
J. S. Patterson,	52 00
L. Parke,	94 90
Widow Battelle,	100 00
Donation from Phillippi Circuit, \$5 00 }	
Widow Burns,	39 00
F. Guthrie,	78 00
P. Greene,	39 00
Total,	\$637 00

The remainder of the moneys collected was disbursed as follows:

F. Guthrie,-----	\$37 00	E. Ford,-----	15 00
R. L. Woodyard,-----	12 50	D. H. K. Dix,-----	15 00
C. Conner,-----	55 00	J. B. Pinchen,-----	5 00
C. Lakin,-----	5 00	Widow Summers,-----	12 00
J. M. Warden,-----	50 00	R. L. Brooks,-----	30 00
E. J. Johnson,-----	10 00	A. Dixon,-----	19 00
H. C. Sanford,-----	45 00	Widow Battelle,-----	20 00
B. Darlington,-----	30 00	P. Greene,-----	31 00
D. Cool,-----	25 00	Stationery,-----	1 85
W. C. Hindman,-----	30 00		
D. O. Stuart,-----	35 00	Total,-----	\$483 00

Money from St. George circuit was distributed equally between Bros. Greene, Dixon, and Guthrie.

QUEST.—What has been contributed for the support of Missions, and what for the Sunday School Union, and for the American Bible Society, and for the circulation of Tracts?

Ans.—Circuits and Stations,-----	\$3,310 83
Preachers Annual Subscriptions,-----	58 00
Avails of Anniversary,-----	*171 75
Collected but yet in the hands of C. King,--	41 40
	<u>\$3,571 98</u>

*\$10 00 of this by Dr. Hunter.

Sunday School Union,-----	\$38 98
American Bible Society,-----	33 90
Tract Cause,-----	19 15
	<u>92 03</u>

Total for benevolent purposes,-----\$3,664 01

QUEST.—Where are the Preachers all stationed this year?

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT

APPOINTMENTS.

PREACHERS.

POST OFFICES.

Morgantown Dist. G. W. Arnold, P. E.,.....	Morgantown, W. Va.
Morgantown Sta. B. Ison,.....	" "
Morgantown Cir. J. M. Powell,.....	" "
Monongalia,.....J. B. Feather,.....	Granville, Monongalia co., Va.
Brandonville,.....W. C. Wilson,.....	Preston co., W. Va.
Grantsville,.....W. L. Hindman,.....	Grantsville, Allegheny co., Md.
Kingwood,.....A. Hall, J. J. Doliver,.....	Kingwood, Preston co., W. Va.
Oakland,.....M. V. B. White,.....	Oakland, Allegheny co., Md.
St. George,.....T. M. Hartley,.....	Rowlesburg, Preston co., W. Va.
Evansville,.....M. Allen,.....	Evansville, " " "
Fetterman and	
Grafton,.....S. King,.....	Grafton, Taylor co., W. Va.
Knottsville,.....M. Titchenell,.....	Knottsville " " "
Palatine,.....B. F. Rogers,.....	Palatine, Marion co., W. Va.
Blacksville,.....P. Vandervort,.....	Jolly Town, Greene co., Pa.
W. Hunter, D. D., Professor of Hebrew, Allegheny College, member of	
Morgantown Quarterly Conference,—Meadville, Crawford co., Pa.	

WHEELING DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.	POST OFFICES.
Wheeling Dist.,	J. Drummond, P. E.,	Wheeling, W. Va.
“ Fourth St.,	A. Martin,	“ “
“ North “	F. Ball,	“ “
“ Chapline “	J. B. Blakeney,	“ “
South Wheeling,	S. Hitchens,	“ “
Grave Creek,	R. L. Woodyard,	Moundsville, Marshall co., W. Va.
Triadelphia,	J. L. Clark,	Wheeling, Ohio co., “
Marshall,	T. H. Trainer,	Moundsville.
Moundsville,	T. B. Hughes,	“
Greene,	S. W. Davis,	Belton, Marshall co., W. Va.
New Martinsville,	C. Conner,	New Martinsville, Wetzel co.
Short Creek and Liberty,	E. C. Wayman,	West Liberty, Ohio co., W. Va.
Mannington,	W. E. Williamson,	Mannington, Marion co., W. Va.
G. Martin, Chaplain U. S. Army, and member of Chapline Street Quarterly Conference.		
A. W. Gregg, Chaplain U. S. Army, and member of South Wheeling Quarterly Conference.		

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.	POST OFFICES.
Clarksburg Dist.,	A. J. Lyda, P. E.,	Fairmont, Marion co., W. Va.
“ Sta.,	E. L. Nicholson,	Clarksburg, W. Va.
West Milford,	H. C. Sandford,	W. Milford, Harrison co., W. Va.
Weston,	J. Sandford,	Weston, Lewis co., W. Va.
Frenchton,	C. King,	Frenchton, Upshur co., W. Va.
Pruntytown,	J. S. Hall, J. B. Pinchen,	Pruntytown, Taylor co., W. Va.
Phillippi,	L. Parke, E. Ford,	Phillippi, Barbour co., W. Va.
Buckhannon,	T. M. Leslie,	Buckhannon, Upshur co., W. Va.
Upshur,	C. Cool,	“ “
Fairmont,	J. W. Webb, R. H. Wallace,	Fairmont, Marion co., W. Va.
Marion,	R. Northcraft,	Barracksville “ “ “
Lumberport,	L. D. Casto,	Lumberport, “ “ “
Beverly,	R. M. Wallace,	Beverly, Randolph co., W. Va.
Salem,	To be supplied,	“ “
J. L. Irwin, Chaplain U. S. Army, member of Fairmont Quarterly Conference.		
J. W. Reger, Hospital Chaplain, member of Fairmont Quarterly Conference.		
S. Steel, Chaplain U. S. Army, member of Fairmont Quarterly Conference.		
W. R. White, Principal of Fairmont Institute, and member of Fairmont Quarterly Conference.		

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.	POST OFFICES.
Parkersburg Dist.,	A. A. Reger, P. E.,	Parkersburg, Wood co., W. Va.
“ Sta.,	G. W. Richmond,	“ “ “
Elizabeth,	J. B. West,	Elizabeth, Wirt co., W. Va.
Murraysville and Ripley,	D. O. Stuart,	Murraysville, Jackson co., Va.
Newark,	To be supplied,	“ “
Spencer,	“	“
Williamstown,	R. Hagar,	Williamstown, Wood co., W. Va.
Harrisville,	V. Sanford, D. S. Benedum,	Harrisville, Ritchie co., W. Va.
West Union,	W. D. Warman,	W. Union, Doddridge co., W. Va.

Middlebourne,....To be supplied,.....Middlebourne, Tyler co., W. Va.
Sistersville,.....S. E. Steel,.....Sistersville " " "

Glenville,.....To be supplied,.....Glenville Gilmer co., W. Va.

T. H. Monroe, Hospital Chaplain, member of the Parkersburg Quarterly Conference.

A. J. Lyon, Chaplain in the the U. S. Army, and member of Parkersburg Quarterly Conference.

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.

PREACHERS.

POST OFFICES.

Charleston Dist,...H. Stevens, P. E.,.....Kanawha, C. H., W. Va.

Charleston,.....A. Stevens,....." " "

" Circuit,.....To be supplied,....." " "

Malden,.....J. W. Warden,.....Malden, Kanawha co., W. Va.

Pocatalico,.....To be supplied,.....

Putnam & Buffalo, F. H. J. King,.....

Point Pleasant,.....D. H. K. Dix,.....Point Pleasant, Mason co., Va.

Ashland,.....H. D. Rice,.....Boyd co., Kentucky.

Wayne & Sandy,.....To be supplied,.....

Guyandotte,.....W. Ryan,.....Guyandotte, Cabel co., W. Va.

Cole River,.....J. S. P. Carroll,

Summerville, Fay-

ette, Mountain

Cove & Raleigh, B. Darlington,.....

Elk River and

Calhoun,.....To be supplied,.....

Sutton,.....To be supplied,.....

Wyoming & Logan, B. Hagar,.....

R. A. Arthur, Professor in Ohio University, member of Charleston Quarterly Conference.

TRANSFERS.—T. Daugherty, and S. Barnes, to East Baltimore Conference.
J. W. Snodgrass, Upper Iowa Conference.

Reports.

The Committee on the state of the Church and Country report,
First—

That a considerable portion of the Western Virginia Conference is in a deplorable condition ; strongly showing the ruin that sin, in the form of a wicked and unprovoked rebellion, has inflicted upon our once happy land. We rejoice to know that the artfully laid plans to overthrow our beloved Church, have been unsuccessful, and have only developed the strength and wisdom of the anti-slavery principles of the M. E. Church and the loyalty of her members. Therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we deeply sympathize with our brethren and friends who have suffered and are now suffering from this wicked slave-holders rebellion.

Resolved, 2nd. That we will not cease to pray for the Union, for

the President, and for all that are in authority, civil and military ; and for the success of the Union arms, until the last vestige of this rebellion is swept from our land.

Resolved, 3rd. That we have strong grounds of hope that the rebellion is on the wane and must soon come to an end, and that our now desolated fields will again be alive with the hum of industry, and our hills vocal with prayer and praise.

Secondly.—As we believe that the existing rebellion is wicked, and only calculated to do evil, therefore, be it

Resolved, 1st. That we endorse the Administration of Abraham Lincoln, and especially his efforts to subdue the rebellion.

Resolved, 2nd. That we are in favor of a vigorous prosecution of the war while a rebel is found in arms.

Resolved, 3rd. That we will ourselves furnish, and will recommend to our people to cheerfully furnish their quota of both men and money to carry on the war to a successful termination.

Resolved, 4th. That a copy of this report be sent for publication to the Wheeling Intelligencer and Parkersburg Gazette, and that a copy be furnished the President of the United States.

On behalf of the Committee.

M. TITCHENELL, *Chairman.*

ADDITIONAL REPORTS.

On the resolution of the Clarksburg Ministerial Association :

Resolved, That our Delegates be instructed to inquire into the propriety of desiring the General Conference to make our Conference lines coterminous with those of the State of West Virginia ; and if such an arrangement should in whole or in part be deemed advisable, to make due efforts to secure the same.

On change of Name :

Resolved, That the General Conference is hereby respectfully requested to change the name of the Western Virginia Conference to West Virginia Conference.

On the restoration of the Supernumerary relation :

Resolved, That the General Conference is hereby respectfully requested to restore the rule in the Discipline recognizing Supernumerary Preachers ; and that our Delegates be instructed to favor such restoration.

On Lay Delegation :

Resolved, That the General Conference be and they are hereby requested to submit the question of Lay Delegation in the General Conference, to the vote of the membership in the several Annual Conferences in the year 1867.

M. TITCHENELL.

On the State of West Virginia :

Resolved, That Jas. Drummond, M. Titchenell, H. Stevens, and T. H. Monroe, be a Committee on behalf of this Conference, to formally express to the Honorable A. I. Boreman, Governor of West Virgin-

ia, our congratulations on the successful issue of the efforts made for the establishment of this Commonwealth and his own inauguration as its first Chief Magistrate; and to convey to him the assurance of our loyalty to its Constitution and of our prayers that he and they to whom the interests of this State may from time to time be intrusted, may be Divinely guided and sustained; and of our hearty co-operation in all proper efforts to maintain and develop its Material, Intellectual and Religious interests.

R. L. WOODYARD,
ALEX. MARTIN.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

From the report of the Trustees and from Dr. Martin, we learn with great pleasure that the College is in a prosperous condition; that its resources, under the efficient agency of its accomplished President, Dr. G. Loomis, are being greatly increased; and that the brightest hopes are cherished for the future of this institution. The early realization of these hopes demands earnest and persevering efforts as well as large gifts from the friends of sanctified instruction. Much to the regret of the Faculty and Trustees of the College, they have lost an able and efficient professor in the resignation of Rev. A. Martin, D. D.; but they hope that the vacancy will soon be filled by a well qualified professor. Your Committee offer the following resolutions for adoption:

1. That we will continue our efforts to promote the welfare of Allegheny College as being worthy of our prayers and sympathies and of the patronage of our people.
2. That Drs. J. Drummond, and Alex. Martin, and Geo. Hagans, and C. D. Hubbard, be members of the Joint Committee of Control for the year.
3. That Rev. M. Titchenell, J. B. Blakeney, D. H. K. Dix, G. W. Richmond and H. K. List, be the visiting committee for the year.

OHIO UNIVERSITY.

Although this is a State University of Ohio, yet as one of our members is a professor in it, we feel interested in it. It is with pleasure we hear of its continued efficiency and prosperity, and that it is exerting a healthful influence upon the cause of Education and Christianity. Therefore,

Resolved, That we will recommend the Ohio University to the patronage of the people within our work.

2. That the Bishop be requested to reappoint Rev. R. A. Arthur to the chair of Mathematics in the University.

MORGANTOWN FEMALE COLLEGE.

The Committee have had no report from the Trustees, but from brethren we are pleased to learn that it is doing a good work in the

cause of Education and Religion. It is now without a Principal, Dr. Daughterty having resigned, but the Trustees hope soon to secure a man to fill the vacancy. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That Morgantown Female College is worthy of the patronage of our people, and that it shall have our cordial support, prayers, and sympathies.

NORTH WESTERN VIRGINIA ACADEMY.

We have no report from the Trustees of this Academy. We understand that it is occupied as a hospital by the U. S. Army. We, however, recommend that the Trustees put it in operation as soon as practicable, and that they have such legislative action thereon as to change the name to West Virginia Academy.

EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

The Committee having had no report from the Treasurer of the Society, they offer the following resolutions.

1. That the President, Rev. M. Titchenell, be and he is hereby requested to call a meeting of the board, that the vacancy occasioned by the death of C. Lewis, Esqr., may be filled, and we recommend that Aaron Vincent, or J. A. Hursey, be elected to fill said vacancy.

2. That we respectfully recommend that the Trustees collect all the Funds belonging to the society and invest them in Government Bonds, the interest to be used for the education of the children of preachers belonging to the West Virginia Conference or in aiding young men in their education who may have the ministry in view, or otherwise as the Conference may from time to time direct.

3. That in our judgment the present is a favorable time to endeavor to increase the funds of the society, and that we will try to do so during the ensuing year by preaching on the subject of education and taking up collections in all our congregations, and recommending the society to the favorable consideration of the wealthy and liberal among our people.

EDUCATIONAL ANNIVERSARY.

Resolved, That Rev. R. A. Arthur be a Committee to make arrangements for the Educational Anniversary on the second evening of the next session of the Conference.

PUBLIC SCHOOL INSTRUCTION.

It is with us as a Conference a matter of great pleasure and profound rejoicing, that West Virginia in her march of civilization and of religion has provided and incorporated the same into the organic law of the State, a most excellent system of Public School Instruction, and that the Legislature has made arrangements to have the same carried into full and complete operation. Therefore,

Resolved, That we will most cheerfully co-operate with the civil authorities of the State in carrying out our system of Public Instruction.

R. A. ARTHUR, *Chairman*.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We are happy to learn that the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate is well sustained, but would urge that greater efforts be made to enlarge the field of its usefulness. Having no official information in regard to the other periodicals under the control of our Church, but believing that they are still progressive and mighty for good, we earnestly commend them to the patronage of our people and submit the following resolutions:

1. That the Presiding Elders be requested to bring before the Quarterly Conferences the interests of the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate, as early in the ensuing year as may be practicable.

2. That each Minister be requested to urge the claims of the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate upon the congregation of which he is pastor, and also that this duty be performed in his pastoral visitations.

3. That we do hereby request the General Conference which is to meet next May, to provide a suitable building in the City of Pittsburgh for the Book Depository and for the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate.

H. D. RICE,
A. A. REGER,
V. SANFORD,
D. O. STUART,
E. W. RYAN.

BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee submit the following as their report:

The amount raised this year is only \$33 90. This, however, is more than double the amount of last year. We are certain that a vigorous effort on the part of the preachers on the various charges in this Conference, would greatly increase the contributions to this noble cause. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That our confidence in the American Bible Society is undiminished.

2. *Resolved*, That we will give it our cordial support, and as early in the year as practicable will present the subject to our various congregations and take up collections for the same.

2. *Resolved*, That we request the American Bible Society to grant us a donation of Bibles for distribution among the vast numbers of necessitous and destitute in our borders.

4. *Resolved*, That Rev. A. Martin transmit our money and make the above request.

W. C. WILSON, *Chairman*.

REPORT ON TRACT CAUSE.

The Committee on the Tract Cause report as follows:

Only nine charges have reported. Their collections amount to \$19 15—an increase over last year of \$3 50.

We think the cause demands a more liberal support, and commend it to the earnest attention of our people. We believe that every Methodist in West Virginia, and throughout Christendom should feel deeply interested in spreading the printed truth to convince men of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment, and to bring them trembling to the cross exclaiming, "men and brethren what shall I do to be saved."

J. S. HALL,
J. L. CLARK,
L. M. LESLIE,
B. DARLINGTON.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are gratified to learn from statistics reported from the various charges that there are

	No. of S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Vols in Lib	No of Bible Cl's	Schl's in Inf Cl's	Ex of the school, this y'r.	Raised for benev't purposes	S S Ad- vocates taken	Con- ver- sions
Being an increase over last year of	171	1825	8,855	27,083	248	1,531	\$1,342 24	\$40,48	512	502
	43	514	2,739	46,88	98	331	\$521 88	\$15,38	100	86

This increase, though small, is encouraging, as it shows progress. Regarding the Sunday School as one of the great auxiliaries of the Church in extending the Redeemer's Kingdom, we pledge ourselves to labor with increased zeal in this glorious cause, that we will organize Schools in destitute neighborhoods wherever practicable—and endeavor to increase the efficiency of our schools, by gathering a greater number of children—by supplying them with books of our own publication—circulating the Sunday School Advocate and Sunday School Teachers Journal—by personal supervision and labor, and by enlisting pious and faithful teachers.

Signed.

A. HALL,
H. WALLACE,
E. C. WAYMAN,
JAMES SANDFORD,
JAMES WARDEN.

ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

1. That intemperance is one of the greatest evils that curses our land.
2. That in our opinion the traffic in ardent spirits as a beverage is a chief cause of the evils of intemperance in our country.

3. That we will wage an unceasing warfare both in public and in private against this monstrous vice, and continue our efforts to promote the cause of Temperance in our young and promising State.

J. B. FEATHER, *Chairman*.

EMBARRASSED CHURCHES.

The Committee to whom was referred the condition of certain Churches in our bounds, report:

1. That the indebtedness of the Church at Bruceton is about \$1,500, and being in the hands of the civil court, it was advertised to be sold on the 16th inst. We therefore can make no suggestions concerning it unless it be that the society worshiping there make arrangements to buy it back if it can be had at a reasonable price.

2. We are happy to report that the Society at West Union are not only able but willing to relieve the Church at that place of debt, and we recommend that the preacher in charge of West Union Circuit make a vigorous effort to have it done this year.

3. The indebtedness of the Church at Guyandotte is \$400, and the society there not being able to meet it, we recommend that each member of the Conference make an effort to raise five dollars by our next annual session to relieve the Church at that place of its embarrassment.

J. B. BLAKENEY,

F. BALL,

M. ALLEN.

CASE OF REV. A. J. LYDA.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the case of Rev. A. J. Lyda, in view of all the facts and circumstances which have been presented for their consideration, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Christian and Ministerial conduct of Rev. A. J. Lyda is hereby heartily approved by this Conference.

J. DRUMMOND,

G. W. ARNOLD,

M. TITCHENELL.

WARRING'S PAMPHLET.

Your Committee to whom was referred the pamphlet by Rev. E. H. Warring, of the Iowa Conference, beg leave to report:

First. That sufficient time has not been afforded to examine the Disciplinary changes recommended in said pamphlet so as to make a report satisfactory to themselves, much less (as they suppose) to the Conference.

Secondly, That we are willing to intrust the matter of change to our delegates and the wisdom of the General Conference.

J. W. REGER, *Chairman*

WILL OF MRS. BURNS.

Your Committee to whom was referred the will of Mrs. Burns, deceased, beg leave to say that for the want of the papers referring to said will they have not been able to make a report satisfactory to themselves, and recommend that the papers be placed in the hands of the presiding Elder of the Clarksburg District and brother Titchenell, and that they be requested to report to our next annual session.

J. W. REGER, *Chairman.*

RESOLUTIONS.

The following in reference to brother A. J. Lyda, were read and adopted:

Resolved, That we have undiminished confidence in the Christian integrity and firmness of Rev. A. J. Lyda.

2. That we most earnestly request his excellency, the President of the United States, to re-instate him.

3. That a copy of these proceedings be forwarded by the Secretary of this Conference to the President of the United States.

J. L. CLARK,

J. S. HALL.

The following resolutions were also read and adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that no Church should be dedicated to God as a house of worship until provision is made to pay for said house.

M. TITCHENELL.

Resolved, That as a Conference we respectfully ask the next General Conference to change the Book of Discipline, so that the Bishops may have power to extend the time of stationing the preachers to three years.

A. J. LYDA.

Resolved, That the General Conference be requested to take into consideration the propriety of having an Insurance Office under the control of the Church for the purpose of insuring our houses of worship and parsonages.

J. B. BLAKENEY.

WHEREAS, a comparatively large proportion of our number have been and still are engaged as Chaplains in the army, and have without exception not only maintained unsullied the reputation of the Christian ministry, but have by their faithfulness in the camp and on the field, in the hospital and in captivity, enhanced its power in their several regiments and over many others. Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That our brethren who have devoted themselves to this work have a special claim to our remembrance and prayers, that amid the peculiarly arduous duties and exposures of their positions, they may be sustained, and be eminently successful in doing good.

2. That we will ever cherish in the holiest affections of our hearts the memory of our people and preacher, who in this glorious work, have given their lives for the life of the country.

A. MARTIN,
P. GREENE.

Resolved, That we appoint brother M. Titchenell, whose duty it shall be to collect incidents of the war in West Virginia, and to prepare the same by our next Annual Conference for publication in book form, the profits of which shall be appropriated to the Preachers' Aid Society of the West Virginia Conference.

2. That the Preachers of this Conference be and they are hereby requested to collect all the important incidents of the war which may come within their knowledge in West Virginia and forward the same to brother Titchenell.

A. J. LYDA.

Resolved, That our Delegates to the ensuing General Conference be, and they are hereby respectfully requested to retain whatever money may be left in their hands after their expenses shall have been met, which money shall be handed over to the Board of Stewards at the next Annual Conference, to be added to the collections for Conference claimants.

F. BALL.

Resolved, That the Bishops be requested to put one week between the next session of the Pittsburgh and West Virginia Conference.

The next session of the Conference will be held in Wheeling.

STATISTICS OF WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE FOR 1864.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.			BAP- TISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	L. Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value	For Confer- ence claim- ants.	For Mission- ary Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday S. Union.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.
MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.																			
Morgantown Station.....	186	2	.....	1	.....	3	1	\$8,000	1	\$1,800	22 10	\$332 80	6 15	6 15	39 02	1	25	130	450
Morgantown Circuit.....	439	11	30	2	.....	5	10	4,500	1	600	2 70	14 03	.....	2 00	.....	2	95	400	1260
Monongalia.....	424	5	40	3	.....	8	18	4,300	1	300	4 00	38 00	1 00	2 25	5 00	5	40	250	700
Blacksville.....	360	7	43	3	.....	2	4	2,000	1	200	10 00	6 15	.....	.....	.....	5	55	295	751
Palatine.....	254	7	30	7	.....	9	1	4,000	.....	.....	8 50	10 00	.....	.....	.....	5	45	150	600
Peterson and Grafton.....	99	.....	23	.....	.....	15	2	1,500	.....	.....	19 05	20 00	.....	.....	.....	2	28	125	900
Knottsville.....	242	8	9	2	.....	10	30	1,100	.....	.....	10 75	15 00	1 00	1 25	3 20	3	32	135	200
Evansville.....	257	6	16	1	.....	16	22	2,000	1	200	6 65	52 00	.....	.....	.....	3	30	150	600
St. George.....	184	5	21	3	.....	10	16	3,000	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	20	.....	.....
Oakland.....	287	3	41	2	.....	10	15	2,500	1	300	8 00	17 00	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	250	.....
Kingwood.....	373	6	137	4	.....	32	9	2,900	.....	.....	35 10	82 15	.....	.....	.....	17	173	671	2318
Grantsville.....	204	1	10	3	.....	14	5	2,800	.....	.....	11 83	8 00	.....	.....	.....	4	40	133	1105
Brandonville.....	325	7	110	4	.....	34	10	7,000	1	200	10 00	31 25	.....	.....	.....	4	31	116	1000
Total.....	3634	68	510	35	134	165	67	\$45,600	7	\$3,600	153 68	626 38	9 15	13 15	47 07	65	604	2805	9884
WHEELING DISTRICT.																			
Wheeling Fourth Street.....	420	4	15	2	.....	17	23	\$13,000	.....	.....	135 00	1,250 00	13 00	.....	.....	3	85	595	2150
Wheeling North Street.....	150	3	42	1	.....	2	39	4,500	1	850	20 00	150 00	2 00	1 00	4 00	2	26	260	1050
Wheeling Chapline Street.....	248	4	10	2	.....	4	23	4,000	1	1,200	49 00	326 00	5 00	5 00	.....	1	26	215	500
South Wheeling.....	60	.....	10	.....	.....	30	20	200	.....	.....	3 00	7 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	1	24	160	600
Grave Creek.....	229	3	58	.....	.....	6	16	3,000	1	300	41 20	80 65	.....	2 50	2 50	4	60	160	500
Triadelphia.....	130	2	39	.....	.....	16	23	1,500	1	400	26 15	50 00	.....	3 60	4 50	2	12	140	130
Marshall.....	374	1	94	4	.....	12	32	3,000	.....	.....	58 60	70 00	.....	.....	.....	8	74	411	1734
Moundsville.....	182	.....	20	1	.....	31	.....	4,000	1	600	4 00	55 00	.....	.....	.....	1	21	100	300
Greene.....	222	.....	62	3	.....	9	6	1,000	.....	.....	.....	3 50	6 00	.....	.....	3	38	140	435
New Martinsville.....	74	.....	4	1	.....	.....	2	2,500	.....	.....	20 60	2 81	.....	.....	.....	2	23	.....	138
Short Creek and Liberty.....	161	3	3	.....	.....	5	2	3,000	1	400	14 15	52 50	.....	3 15	.....	2	27	80	300
Mannington.....	250	4	70	3	.....	8	17	3,800	1	400	3 00	16 00	.....	.....	.....	4	50	300	1261
Total.....	2500	24	427	17	135	204	31	\$38,600	7	\$2,950	357 60	2,066 46	\$21 00	\$15 25	\$12 00	35	466	2561	9098

*One hundred and fifty dollars appropriated to make Rev. Dr. James Drummond a Life Director of the Parent Missionary Society.

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MINUTES OF WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.			BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers	L. Preachers	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday S. Union.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	
CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.																				
Fairmont.....	96	...	3	2	....	1	1	\$6,000	1	.....	6 25	17 00	1 00	2 10	2 91	1	15	31	350	
Marion.....	460	11	80	1	47	9	7	4,000	1	350	4 00	6 00	.....	.....	.....	5	82	264	590	
Lumberport.....	275	2	.....	.....	19	2	7	3,000	.....	.....	6 20	9 00	.....	.....	.....	3	20	100	450	
Salem Mission.....	no	re	po	rt.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
West Milford.....	405	6	24	4	12	10	9	6,500	1	600	10 00	46 50	.....	.....	.....	3	12	150	500	
Weston.....	165	3	8	3	2	5	3	1,400	1	400	5 25	5 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	85	243	
Frenchton.....	262	8	44	10	6	15	9	4,600	.....	.....	6 00	41 40	7 62	.....	.....	4	57	266	1000	
Buckhannon.....	388	3	122	8	28	4	7	3,500	.....	.....	32 00	106 55	.....	1 00	1 00	7	74	378	410	
Upshur.....	no	re	po	rt.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Beverly.....	un	oc	cu	pi	.....	ed on ac	count	of the	war.	.....	22 00	68 40	.....	.....	.....	5	40	242	245	
Philippi.....	290	1	66	2	23	20	6	2,400	.....	.....	22 00	68 40	.....	.....	.....	4	35	125	225	
Pruntytown.....	325	1	11	7	11	1	8	4,000	1	275	18 00	33 00	.....	.....	.....	4	35	125	225	
Total.....	2666	35	358	39	148	67	57	\$35,400	5	\$1,625	110 70	\$333 24	8 62	3 10	3 91	34	358	1641	4013	
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.																				
Parkersburg Station.....	155	2	32	3	3	.....	1	15,000	1	3,000	10 55	16 00	.....	.....	.....	1	25	120	200	
Elizabeth.....	170	4	18	3	4	9	2	1,600	1	150	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Murraysville.....	188	5	144	1	5	13	4	1,200	.....	.....	22 75	40 00	.....	.....	.....	4	38	106	433	
Newark.....	126	1	22	2	3	2	1	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	5	20	40	
Ripley.....	85	2	15	2	.....	2	1	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Spencer.....	244	1	10	5	30	5	5	3,000	1	1,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Williamstown.....	630	10	74	10	15	23	8	3,500	1	600	.....	61 00	.....	2 00	3 00	8	93	403	1300	
Harrisville.....	262	2	103	2	5	10	4	2,500	.....	.....	3 50	50 00	.....	.....	.....	5	58	180	700	
West Union.....	315	3	35	2	10	5	7	2,500	1	600		18 00					2	16	40	275
Middlebourne.....	235	2	42	3	22	9	4	3,500	.....	.....	1 00	22 00	1 00	2 00	1 75	2	12	95	100	
Sistersville.....	75	...	7	1	.....	.....	5	400	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Glennville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total.....	2485	32	472	34	97	78	42	\$33,700	5	\$5,350	\$37 80	\$220 00	1 00	4 00	4 75	28	282	1144	3648	

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.				BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers	L. Preachers	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday S. Union.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.
CHARLESTON DISTRICT.																			
Charleston Station.....	100						1	\$4,000			4 00	10 00			2 50	1	16	85	500
Charleston and Malden Circuit,	200	7	28	7			2	3,000	1	\$ 300	2 00	14 00				4	20	110	150
Pocatalico,.....	85		75	2	3	5													
Putnam,.....	100						3	2,500										4	36
Point Pleasant,.....	200	2	141	3	10	40	7	5,200			3 65	28 35			4 45	6	66	315	1000
Guyandotte and Catletsburg,.....	70			7			2	4,000			12 25	30 00				1	8	50	100
Wayne and Sandy,.....	50																		
Coal River and Hartford,.....	120		17	2			3	500				5 00							
Elk River and Cathoun,.....	80						2	750											
Sutton and Addison,.....	182		30				1	500											
Summerville and Mountain Cove,.....	284	3	75	12	5	10	8	1,800		150	4 50	20 00							
Wyoming and L,.....	110																		
Total,	1581	12	416	33	18	55	29	\$22,500	2	\$ 450	\$26 40	137 35			6 95	13	114	596	1750
RECAPITULATION.																			
Morgantown District.....	3634	68	510	35	134	165	67	\$45,600	7	\$3,600	\$153 68	\$626 38	9 15	13 15	47 07	65	604	2805	9884
Wheeling ".....	2500	24	427	17	135	204	31	38,600	7	2,950	337 60	2,066 46	21 00	15 65	12 00	33	466	2561	9098
Clarksburg ".....	2666	35	358	39	148	67	57	35,400	5	1,625	110 70	333 20	8 62	3 10	3 91	34	358	1641	4013
Parkersburg ".....	2485	32	472	34	97	78	42	33,700	5	5,350	37 80	220 00	1 00	4 00	4 75	28	282	1144	3648
Charleston ".....	1581	12	416	33	18	55	29	22,200	2	450	14 15	107 35			6 95	13	114	596	1750
Total,	12866	171	2183	158	532	569	226	\$175,500	26	\$13,975	\$673 95	3,353 39	39 77	35 90	74 68	175	1824	8747	28393
" Last Year,.....	11620	117	2371	131	254	398	219	157,060	26	14,225	112 80	2,237 78	32 58	13 48	26 45	154	1517	7080	22136
Increase,	1246	54		27	278	161	7	\$18,440			\$561 13	1,115 61	7 19	22 42	48 23	21	307	1667	6257
Decrease,			188							\$ 250									

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

STATIONS.	PREACHERS.	CLAIMS.	REC'TS.	DEFI- CIEN'S	CONF CLA.	TRAV. EXP.
Morgantown District						
Morgantown Dist.,...	G. W. Arnold,...	700 00	700 00	.....	.....	.....
Morgantown Sta.,...	T. Daugherty,...	.....	.....	.....	23 10	.....
Morgantown Cir.,...	A. A. Reger,.....	500 00	500 00	.....	2 70	.....
Monongalia,.....	J. B. Feather,.....	385 00	385 00	.....	4 00	15 00
	A. Stevens,.....	109 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brandonville,.....	W. C. Wilson,...	386 00	300 78	35 22	10 00	.....
Grantsville,.....	W. L. Hindman,...	397 00	296 00	101 00	11 00	53 00
Kingwood,.....	A. Hall,.....	492 60	410 63	81 97	35 00	25 00
	S. W. Davis,.....	121 00	100 04	19 96	.....	.....
Oakland,.....	S. King,.....	450 00	450 00	.....	8 00	21 00
St. George,.....	W. Carrico,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Evansville,.....	J. S. Hall,.....	382 00	382 00	.....	6 70	.....
Fet. and Grafton,...	B. Ison,.....	375 00	350 00	25 00	19 05	.....
Knottsville,.....	P. Vandervort,...	350 00	350 00	.....	10 75	.....
Palatine,.....	M. V. B. White,...	350 00	308 28	41 72	8 50	.....
Blacksville,.....	W. D. Warman,...	250 00	250 00	.....	10 00	.....
	T. M. Hartley,...	100 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....
	Total,.....	5287 60	4982 73	304 87	148 60	114 00
Wheeling District.						
Wheeling Dist.,...	J. Drummond,...	725 00	699 46	25 54	.....	.....
" Fourth Str.,...	S. Barnes,.....	.....	.....	.....	135 00	.....
" North "	F. Ball,.....	520 00	520 00	.....	20 00	30 10
" Chapline "	J. B. Blakeney,...	625 00	525 00	.....	49 00	.....
South Wheeling,...	E. C. Wayman,...	400 00	400 00	.....	3 00	.....
Grave Creek,.....	R. L. Woodyard,...	450 00	394 29	55 71	41 20	2 50
	C. H. Lakin,.....	100 00	87 62	12 38	.....	.....
Triadelphia,.....	J. L. Clark,.....	525 00	525 00	.....	26 15	.....
Marshall,.....	T. H. Trainer,...	500 00	500 00	.....	38 00	.....
	M. Dowler,.....	80 00	80 00	.....	.....	.....
Moundsville,.....	H. D. Rice,.....	250 00	250 00	.....	4 00	.....
Greene,.....	S. Hitchens,.....	137 00	130 05	6 95	3 50	.....
New Martinsville,...	C. Conner,.....	475 00	252 35	222 65	20 60	55 00
S. Creek & Liberty,	G. W. Richmond,...	416 50	416 50	.....	14 15	.....
Mannington,.....	W. E. Williamson	420 00	420 00	.....	3 00	.....
	Total,.....	5623 50	5300 27	323 23	357 60	87 60
Clarksburg District.						
Clarksburg Dist.,...	J. W. Reger,.....	655 00	578 00	77 00	.....	75 00
West Milford,.....	D. O. Stuart,.....	480 00	334 95	145 05	10 00	40 00
	J. B. Pinchen,...	100 00	70 70	29 30	.....	5 00
Weston,.....	J. Sandford,.....	100 00	100 00	.....	.....	10 00
Frenchton,.....	C. King,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pruntytown,.....	J. W. Snodgrass,...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	L. D. Casto,.....	150 00	150 00	.....	18 00	.....
Philippi,.....	T. M. Leslie,.....	345 00	345 00	.....	17 00	.....
Buckhannon,.....	J. M. Powell,.....	500 00	500 00	.....	32 00	22 34
Upshur,.....	B. F. Rogers,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fairmont,.....	J. W. Webb,.....	400 00	400 00	.....	6 25	36 00
Marion,.....	S. Harris,.....	300 00	300 00	.....	4 00	.....
Lumberport,.....	E. Ford,.....	370 00	280 00	90 00	6 20	.....
Beverly,.....	Not occupied,...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total,.....	3400 00	3058 65	341 35	98 45	188 34

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

STATIONS.	PREACHERS.	CLAIMS.	REC'TS.	DEFI- CIEN'S	CONF CLA.	TRAV. EXP.
Parkersburg District						
Parkersburg Sta.,...	T. H. Monroe,....	800 00	800 00	.....	10 75	.....
Elizabeth,.....	R. Northcraft, ...	325 00	325 00	.....	.....	13 00
Murraysville,.....	E. L. Nicholson,...	448 50	448 50	.....	22 75	.....
Newark,.....	A. J. Lyon,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ripley,.....	T. H. K.,.....	250 00	190 00	60 00	.....	15 00
Spencer,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Williamstown,.....	V. Sanford,.....	355 00	330 00	25 00	.....	15 00
Harrisville,.....	M. Allen,.....	425 00	404 91	20 09	.....	.....
West Union,.....	H. Wallace,.....	125 00	125 00	.....	5 50	10 00
.....	D. S. Benedum,...	85 00	85 00	.....	.....	10 00
Middlebourne,.....	T. B. Hughes,.....	375 00	375 00	.....	.....	.....
Sistersville,.....	S. E. Steel,.....	450 00	450 00	.....	1 00	.....
Glenville,.....	D. Cool,.....	303 00	188 00	115 00	.....	.....
	Total,.....	3941 50	3721 41	220 09	40 00	48 00
Charleston District.						
Charleston Dist,....	H. Stevens,.....	550 00	512 06	37 94	.....	48 20
Charleston Sta,....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....
" & Malden Cir,...	J. M. Warden,....	425 00	252 60	172 40	2 00	5 00
Pocatalico,.....	E. J. Johnston,...	297 70	156 70	141 00	.....	17 00
Putnam,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Point Pleasant, &c,...	D. H. K. Dix,....	490 00	327 72	72 28	3 65	.....
.....	E. W. Ryan,.....	200 00	164 32	35 67	.....	.....
Guyandotte & Cat,...	H. C. Sandford,..	400 00	206 00	194 00	12 00	.....
Wayne & Sandy,...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coal River & H.,...	B. Hagar,.....	364 00	157 59	206 41	.....	.....
Elk River & Cal.,...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sutton & Ad,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Summerville, &c,...	B. Darlington,....	500 00	225 56	274 44	4 45	15 00
Wyoming & L.,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total,.....	3136 70	2002 54	1134 20	26 10	85 20

STEWARD'S SECOND REPORT.

We have estimated the amount necessary to assist the superannuated Preachers and the widows and children of deceased Preachers in obtaining a comfortable support for the ensuing Conference year, at \$1,900 00, and apportioned it sa follows:

Morgantown District,	-----	\$510 00
Wheeling “	-----	550 00
Clarksburg “	-----	374 00
Parkersburg “	-----	309 00
Charleston “	-----	157 00
		\$1,900 00

In view of the increased prices of all the necessities of life, we recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we recommend to the estimating committees of the several charges to proportionately increase the salaries of their preachers for the ensuing year.

J. M. POWEL, *Chairman*.

MINUTES
OF THE
West Virginia Annual Conference,
OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
HELD AT
WHEELING, W. VA., MARCH 8, 1865.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

F. BALL.

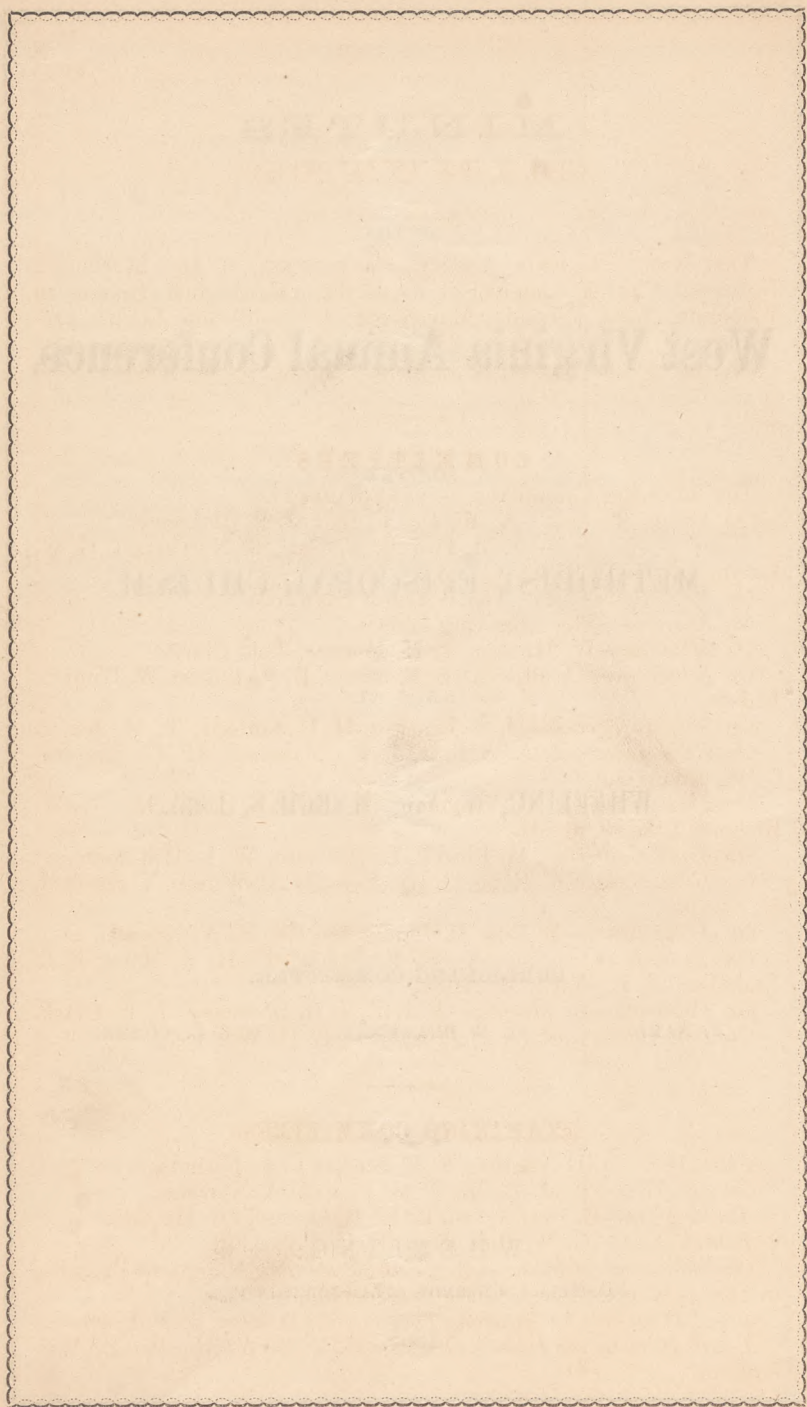
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J. L. CLARK.

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1865.



MINUTES.

THE WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church commenced its Eighteenth Annual Session in Wheeling, West Virginia, March 8th, 1865—Bishop JANES, presiding.

Secretaries—A. Martin, R. L. Woodyard and J. W. Webb.

COMMITTEES.

The following Committees were appointed :

On Public Worship—A. Martin, F. Ball, J. B. Blakeney.

Board of Stewards—J. M. Powell, F. Ball, R. Northcraft, G. W. Richmond, H. D. Rice.

On Necessitous Cases—The Board of Stewards.

On Missions—The Presiding Elders.

On Memoirs—W. Hunter, T. H. Monroe, J. L. Clark.

On Education—A. Stevens, S. E. Steele, E. Nicholson, W. Hunter, B. Ison.

On Sunday Schools—J. B. Feather, H. C. Sanford, T. M. Leslie.

On Parsonages—R. A. Arthur, J. B. Blakeney, H. C. Sanford, G. W. Richmond.

On Periodicals—E. C. Wayman, A. Hall, J. B. Pinchen, G. W. Richmond, E. W. Ryan.

On Tract Cause—J. M. Powell, L. D. Casto, W. L. Hindman.

On Bible Cause—C. King, S. Hitchens, W. C. Wilson, V. Sanford, H. Stevens.

On Temperance—B. Ison, B. Darlington, W. E. Williamson.

On the State of the Country—S. E. Steele, F. H. J. King, E. L. Nicholson, J. L. Clark, M. Allen.

On Publication of Minutes—F. Ball, J. B. Blakeney, J. L. Clark.

On Post Offices and Local Preachers—R. H. Wallace.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

First Year—J. B. Feather, S. E. Steele, E. L. Nicholson.

Second Year—T. M. Leslie, J. M. Powell, A. Stevens.

Third Year—B. Darlington, R. H. Wallace, T. B. Hughes.

Fourth Year—G. W. Richmond, F. Ball, A. Hall.

Candidates for Admission on Trial—Presiding Elder and Preacher in charge where the candidate is recommended.

Local Preachers for Deacon's Orders—H. D. Rice, J. B. Pinchen.

Local Deacons for Elder's Orders—M. V. B. White, W. E. Williamson.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

On the case of J. S. Hall—M. Titchenel, H. C. Sanford, J. B. Pinchen, B. Ison, J. B. Blakeney.

Freedman's Aid Society—M. Titchenel, Charles King, G. W. Richmond, T. H. Monroe.

On Centenary of American Methodism—

Rev. J. Drummond,	H. K. List, Esq.,
" Dr. Martin,	His Excellency, Gov. A. I. Boreman,
" B. Ison,	Hon. W. T. Willey,
" H. C. Sanford,	Nathan Goff, Esq.,
" T. H. Monroe,	Henry Logan, Esq.,
" R. A. Arthur.	R. D. Callahan, Esq.

Educational Fund—M. Titchenel.

To bear Fraternal Greetings to the Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church—W. Hunter, A. J. Lyda, H. C. Sanford.

To receive and pay over to the educational fund the bequest from the estate of N. Pumphrey—D. H. K. Dix.

To collect the accounts of the New York Book Concern—H. D. Rice.

Disciplinary Questions.

QUESTION I—Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER—G. W. Matheny, C. H. Lakin, W. D. Sanford, R. N. Demain, S. D. Jones,—re-admitted, Geo. W. Monroe, J. W. W. Bolton.

QUEST. II—Who remain on trial?

ANS.—D. S. Benedum, T. M. Hartley.

QUEST. III—Who are admitted into full connection?

ANS.—S. W. Davis.

QUEST. IV—Who are the Deacons?

ANS.—S. W. Davis, E. W. Ryan, J. M. Warden.

QUEST. V—Who are elected and ordained Elders this year?

ANS.—W. D. Warman.

Joseph Willetts was elected and ordained a Local Deacon.

QUEST. VI—Who have located this year?

ANS.—D. O. Stewart.

QUEST. VII—Who are the Superannuated or worn-out preachers?

ANS.—J. Birkett, A. B. Rohrbaugh, A. B. Smith, W. R. Carroll, D. A. McGinnis, A. Dixon, R. L. Brooks, G. Jones, P. Greene, A. R. Crislip, F. Guthrie, W. R. Howe.

QUEST. VIII—Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

ANS.—J. S. P. Carroll, R. L. Woodyard, R. A. Arthur, J. J. DOLLIVER.

QUEST. IX.—Who have been expelled this year?

ANS.—None.

QUEST. X.—Who have withdrawn this year?

ANS.—None.

QUEST.—Who have died this year?

ANS.—J. S. Patterson—See Memoir.

QUEST.—What is the number of Church Members, Probationers and Local Preachers?

ANS.—Members,	12,303
Probationers,	2,497
Local Preachers,	155

QUEST.—What amounts are necessary for the Superannuated Preachers, the widows and orphans of Preachers and to make up the deficiency of those who have not received their regular allowance from the circuits?

ANS.—\$4,213 85.

QUEST.—What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

ANS.—Collected,	\$998 86
As follows: For Superannuated Preachers, &c.,	\$968 86
Centenary Fund,	5 00
Chartered Fund,	25 00
	<u>\$998 86</u>

Which was disbursed as follows:

Francis Guthrie,	\$200 00
R. L. Brooks,	200 00
P. Green,	100 00
Widow Battelle,	60 00
Widow Burns,	25 00
Widow Patterson,	60 00
A. Dixon,	100 00
C. Conner,	30 00
C. King,	30 00
D. Cool,	30 00
B. Darlington,	35 00
F. H. J. King,	30 00
E. J. Johnson,	35 00
J. M. Warden,	15 00
B. F. Rogers,	20 00
T. M. Hartley,	26 56
Stationery,	2 36
Total,	<u>\$998 86</u>

A special collection was taken up for R. L. Brooks amounting to \$65.00.

The surplus from General Conference Delegates was appropriated to P. Greene.

QUEST.—What has been collected for the support of Missions;

and what for the Sunday School Union, and for the American Bible Society, and for the circulation of Tracts?

Ans.—Circuits and Stations,-----	\$3,497 43*
Preachers Annual Subscriptions,-----	56 50
Collection at Anniversary,-----	37 00
E. W. Ryan for Missionary Certificate,-----	5 00
	\$3,595 93

*\$20 00 in the hands of A. A. Reger.

Sunday School Union,-----	\$47 55
American Bible Society,-----	2,150 75
Tract Cause,-----	45 60
	2,243 90

Total for benevolent purposes,----- \$5,839 83

QUEST.—Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.

PREACHERS.

POST OFFICES.

Morgantown Dist.	G. W. Arnold, P. E.,-----	Morgantown, West Va.
Morgantown Sta.	B. Ison,-----	“ “
Morgantown Cir-	} J. M. Powell and G. W. Matheny,-----	Morgantown, West Va.
cuit & Decker's		
Creek Mission,...	J. W. Webb,-----	Granville, Monongalia co W. V.
Monongalia,.....	W. C. Wilson,-----	Brandonville, Preston co W. V.
Brandonville,.....	J. B. Feather,-----	Grantsville, Alleghany co., Md.
Grantsville,.....	A. Hall,-----	Kingwood, Preston co., W. Va.
Kingwood,.....	M. V. B. White,-----	Oakland, Alleghany co., Md.
Oakland,.....	L. Parke,-----	Rowlesburg, Preston co., W. Va.
St. George,.....	M. Allen,-----	Evansville, Preston co., W. Va.
Evansville,.....	S. King,-----	Grafton, Taylor co., W. Va.
Grafton and Fet-	J. Sanford,-----	Knottsville, Taylor co., W. Va.
terman,.....	C. Conner,-----	Palatine, Marion co., “
Knottsville,.....	P. Vandervort,-----	Jolly Town, Greene co., Pa.
Palatine,.....	Wm. Hunter, Professor of Hebrew, Alleghany College, member of Morgan-	
Blacksville,.....	town Quarterly Conference, Meadville, Crawford Co., Pa.	
	J. W. Reger, Hospital Chaplain, member of Grafton Quarterly Conference	
	Grafton, Taylor Co., West Va.	
	R. M. Wallace, Chaplain in the army, member of Palatine Quarterly Con-	
	ference—Palatine, Marion Co., West Va.	

WHEELING DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.

PREACHERS.

POST OFFICES.

Wheeling, Dist.,	J. L. Clark, P. E.,-----	Wheeling, Ohio Co., West Va.
“ Fourth St.,	A. Martin,-----	“ “ “
“ North St.,	F. Ball,-----	“ “ “
“ Chapline St.	J. B. Blakeney,-----	“ “ “
South Wheeling,	S. Hitchens,-----	“ “ “
Grave Creek,.....	Jas. A. Kibben,-----	Moundsville, Marshall co. “
Triadelphia,.....	M. Titchenell,-----	Triadelphia, Ohio co., “
Marshall,.....	T. H. Trainer, 1 to be suppl'd	Moundsville, Marshall co. “
Moundsville,.....	T. B. Hughes,-----	“ “ “
Greene,.....	To be supplied,-----	Bellton, “ “
New Martinsville,	B. F. Rogers,-----	New Martinsville, Wetzel co Va.

Short Creek and

Liberty,.....E. C. Wayman,.....West Liberty, Ohio co., W. Va.
 Mannington,.....To be supplied,.....Mannington, Marion co., "
 J. Drummond, Hospital Chaplain, member of Fourth Street Quarterly
 Conference, Wheeling, Ohio County, West Va.
 G. Martin, Chaplain in the army, member of Chapline Street Quarterly
 Conference, Wheeling, Ohio County, West Va.
 A. W. Gregg, Chaplain in the army, member of South Wheeling Quarterly
 Conference, Wheeling, Ohio County, West Va.

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.	POST OFFICES.
Clarksburg Dist..	A. J. Lyda, P. E.,.....	Fairmont, Marion co., West Va.
"	Sta., E. L. Nicholson,	Clarksburg, Harrison co., "
West Milford,	J. M. Warden, R. N. Demain, W. Milford,	" " "
Weston,	S. W. Davis,	Weston, Lewis co., "
Frenchton,	T. M. Hartley,	Frenchton, Upshur "
Pruntytown,	R. H. Wallace, J B Pinchen	Pruntytown, Taylor "
Phillippi,	C. King,	Phillippi, Barbour "
Buckhannon,	T. M. Leslie,	Buckhannon, Upshur "
Upshur,	D. Cool,	" " "
Fairmont,	Henry Sanford,	Fairmont, Marion "
Marion,	Richard Northcraft,	Barracksville, " "
Lumberport,	L. D. Casto,	Lumberport, " "
Beverly,	To be supplied,	Beverly, Randolph "
Salem,	E. Ford,	" " "
J. L. Irwin, Chaplain in the army, member of Fairmont Quarterly Con-		
ference, Fairmont, Marion county, West Va.		
S. Steele, Chaplain in the army, member of Fairmont Quarterly Conference,		
Fairmont, Marion county, West Va.		
W. R. White, State Superintendent of Public Schools and member of Fair-		
mont Quarterly Conference, Fairmont, Marion county, West Va.		

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.	POST OFFICES.
Parkersburg Dist..	A. A. Reger, P. E.,.....	Parkersburg, Wood co., W. Va.
Parkersburg,	G. W. Richmond,	" " "
Elizabeth,	W. D. Warman,	Elizabeth, Wirt county "
Murraysville,	To be supplied,	Murraysville, Jackson co "
Newark,	D. S. Benedum,	" " "
Spencer,	To be supplied,	" " "
Williamstown,	W. L. Hindman,	Williamstown, Wood "
Harrisville,	J. W. W. Bolton,	Harrisville, Ritchie "
West Union,	C. H. Lakin,	West Union, Doddridge co W.V.
Middlebourne,	A. J. Lyon,	Middlebourne, Tyler co., "
Sistersville,	S. E. Steele,	Sistersville, " "
Glenville,	To be supplied,	" " "
Ripley,	F. H. J. King,	Jackson county, "
Ellenboro,	V. Sanford,	Ellenboro, Ritchie co., "
T. H. Monroe, Chaplain in Hospital, member Parkersburg Quarterly Con-		
ference, Parkersburg, Wood County, West Va.		
Chas. King, Agent of American Bible Society, member of West Union Quar-		
terly Conference, West Union, Doddridge County, West Va.		

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.	POST OFFICES.
Charleston Dist.,	D. H. K. Dix, P. E.,.....	Charleston, Kanawha co. W. Va.
Charleston Sta.,	W. E. Williamson,	Kanawha C H., Kanawha co "
Charleston Cir.,	B. Hagar,	" " " "

Malden,.....A. Stevens,.....Malden, Kanawha co., W. Va.
 Pocatalico,B. Darlington,.....
 Putnam, Buffalo
 and Monticello,....G. Monroe,.....
 Point Pleasant,....W. D. Sanford, 1 to be sup'd Point Pleasant, Mason co. do
 Ashland,H. D. Rice,.....Ashland, Boyd co., Kentucky.
 Wayne,.....To be supplied,.....
 Guyandotte and
 Catlettsburg, ...E. W. Ryan,.....Guyandotte, Cabell co., W. Va.
 Coal River,.....R. Hagar,.....
 Summerville, Fayette,
 Mountain Cove
 and Raleigh,....J. A. Rogers,.....Cross Lanes, Nicholas co., do
 Sutton,.....To be supplied,.....
 Wyoming and
 Logan,.....To be supplied,.....
 Elk River and
 Calhoun,.....To be supplied,.....
 Greenupsburg &
 West Fork,....S. D. Jones,
 H. Stevens, Hospital Chaplain, Gallipolis, Ohio.
 To preach the Centenary Sermon at next session, Dr. Hunter.
 To preach Missionary Sermon, R. A. Arthur.
 The next Session of the Conference to be held at Morgantown.

LOCAL PREACHERS.

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

Charles McLain,.....	Morgantown, Monongalia County, West Va.		
Alex. Wade,.....	do	do	do
M. L. Boyers,.....	Randal, do	do	do
J. N. Watters,.....	Laurel Point, do	do	do
J. M. Davis,.....	Oakland, Alleghany	do	Md.
P. Hammel,.....	Swanton, do	do	do
John Woodruff,.....	Jolly Town, Greene County, Pa.		
J. C. Myers,.....	Blacksville, Monongalia County, West Va.		
W. W. Parsons,.....	St. George, Tucker	do	do
P. S. Barrack,.....	Tunnelton, Preston	do	do
E. S. Wilson,.....	Kingwood, do	do	do
C. A. Swarengen,.....	Palatine, Marion	do	do
J. J. Davis,.....	do do	do	do
S. Harris,.....	do do	do	do
M. Doolittle,.....	Burner's, do	do	do
E. G. Murphy,.....	Grafton, Taylor	do	do
Price Pitzer,.....	do do	do	do

WHEELING DISTRICT.

Joseph Willetts, ..	Wheeling, Ohio County, West Va.		
W. G. Hobbs,.....	do do do	do	do
E. J. Stone,.....	do do do	do	do
Jas. Baggs,.....	do do do	do	do
J. A. Lancaster,.....	do do do	do	do
Michael Dowler,.....	Sharon, Marshall County	do	do
Samuel Jones,.....	Moundsville, Marshall Co.,	do	do
J. Alexander,.....	do do do	do	do
W. Evans,.....	do do do	do	do
J. Ally,.....	Adaline, do do	do	do
G. Franklin,.....	Bellton, do do	do	do

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

J. A. Williams,	Sycamore Dale,	Harrison County,	West Va.
A. C. Rider,	Quiet Dell,	"	"
J. Law,	Weston,	Lewis	"
J. McQuarter,	Weston,	Lewis	"
J. McCoy,	Frenchton,	Upshur	"
A. Vincent,	Shinnston,	Harrison	"
J. Clellan,	Boothsville,	Marion	"
D. S. Pinnell,	Buckhannon,	Upshur	"
E. Bennett,	Buckhannon,	Upshur	"
J. Teter,	Bealington,	Barbour	"
S. Tallman,	Bealington,	Barbour	"
J. Burns,	Fairmont,	Marion	"
D. Forney,	Fairmont,	Marion	"
T. B. Charlton,	Basnettsville,	Marion	"
D. Miller,	Sardis,	Harrison	"
E. Robinson,	Brown's Mills,	Harrison	"

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

Daniel Wolf,	Elizabeth,	Wirt	County, West Va.
J. Steele,	Slate Creek,	Wood,	"
S. Ball,	Ravenswood,	Jackson,	"
D. King,	Sistersville,	Tyler	"
T. J. Hickman,	Sistersville,	Tyler	"
J. Parker,	Sistersville,	Tyler	"
T. Ritz,	Harrisville,	Tyler	"
Eli Riddle,	Harrisville,	Tyler	"

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

J. W. Gross,	Cross Lanes,	Nicholas County,	West Va.
J. Kinkaid,	Fayetteville,	Fayette	"

Reports.

Report on the State of the Country.

The Committee on the state of the Church and Country beg leave to report—

That owing to the distracted state of the country, there is a considerable portion of the territory embraced within our Conference limits, which, at this time, is impracticable to occupy as fields of labor; but feel assured in reporting an improvement in the condition of the church, spiritually and financially, on what is exhibited at our last Conference.

We are glad to report, also, that the efforts put forth by the M. E. Church to wrest this section of the country from the tide of destruction, the demon rebellion seemed determined to thrust upon

us, are beginning to be appreciated by the people of our State, and they properly regard it as one of the strong instruments in the hands of the Lord in securing to us our comparative happy condition.

The wicked and unholy rebellion—which at first gave its blind devotees some hope of success, but to lead them to a more certain destruction—is fast on the wane; and already the beams of a bright and prosperous future are dawning upon us, for we now stand a free people:—the shackles of slavery are broken and fallen to the ground; and institutions requisite to the happiness and intelligence of a people are springing up in our midst, and out of our seeming confusion the *great Head* of the *Church* is bringing much good. Therefore,

Resolved, 1st. We still have unbounded faith in the success of our National cause, and with it, a more prosperous condition of the church militant and the speedy restoration of the Gospel to all our people.

Resolved, 2nd, Whilst we are battling with a traitorous foe, attempting to overthrow and subvert our civil and religious liberties; like ancient Israel when battling with the hosts of Amalek; we will assist with our might in holding up the hands of those in authority in our government until the foe is vanquished.

Resolved, 3rd, Our warmest sympathies are extended to our soldiers in the field, and their families at home, and to the widows, orphans and friends of those who have sacrificed their lives upon the altar of our country; and we feel it is the duty of all to ameliorate, as far as possible, the families of our soldiers.

Resolved, 4th, We deeply sympathise with our brave soldiers who have unfortunately fallen into the hands of a cruel enemy, and are incarcerated in loathsome prisons without a sufficiency of food to satisfy the cravings of nature.

Resolved, 5th, We hail with satisfaction and delight the day approaching, when, under our new order of things, with the blessings of a kind Providence, a general diffusion of learning and intelligence will take the place of selfish aristocracy and blind bigotry.

Resolved, 6th, A copy of this report and resolutions be sent to the *Wheeling Intelligencer* for publication.

S. E. STEELE, *Ch'm.*

Bible Cause.

The Committee submit the following as their report:

No. 1. We regard the Scriptures of Divine truth as containing the only revealed will of God and unfolding the only way of life and salvation to ruined man.

Second, Believing as we do in the plenary inspiration of the sacred volume and that through it, holy men of old spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost; we regard it as the only perfect

standard of christian duty, and the only sufficient and *infallible* rule of our faith and practice.

Third, That as ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we owe it to a faithful stewardship to him, as well as to the obligations of a common brotherhood to aid in all proper ways to disseminate this volume among the destitute of the earth.

Fourth, We hail with pleasure the tidings that come to our ears of the largely expanded efforts of the "American Bible Society" in this direction, and that founded as the institution is on the broad basis of a common christian brotherhood, a universal church of the first born which is written in heaven, and the common bond and charter of its unity in a free and open Bible, we pledge our continued co-operation with it, and with the agents who may be appointed to represent its interests in our bounds.

Among the particular workings of this useful institution the past year we record with gratitude the following: 1st. Our missionaries have received unusually liberal grants for distributing the scriptures in their several fields of labor. No demands, it is stated by one of the societies' Secretaries, has ever been made upon them that has failed to be honored by a corresponding grant of books or money. 2d. Our immense army and navy have received munificent appropriations, distributed through the Christian Commission and by direct grant for the supply of our soldiers. Upwards of three millions of volumes have in this way been furnished by the society since the breaking out of the rebellion. 3rd. The work of the society in West Virginia the past year is big with interest and fraught with unexpected and most cheering fruit. We learn that upwards of ten thousand dollars worth of books have been sent to this State during the year and that the board promises any additional amounts that may be needed to complete its thorough supply. It is with pleasure also that we record the progress made in the collections of the conference; as will be seen by the following exhibit:

Morgantown,-----	\$140 00	Frenchton,-----	\$ 60 00
Chapline Street,-----	18 35	Marion,-----	68 70
North Street,-----	11 00	Short Creek,-----	21 70
Grave Creek,-----	86 00	Moundsville,-----	100 00
Kingwood,-----	269 00	Fairmont,-----	38 50
New Martinsville,-----	60 00	Buckhannon,-----	130 60
Marshall,-----	47 50	South Wheeling,-----	7 95
Mannington,-----	46 00	Palatine,-----	1 70
West Union,-----	44 00	Weston,-----	44 00
Brandonville,-----	2 65	Phillippi,-----	157 00
Sistersville,-----	52 15	Harrisville,-----	150 00
Parkersburg,-----	214 82	Knottsville,-----	20 00
Charleston,-----	200 00	Evansville,-----	33 00
Fourth Street,-----	300 00		
Point Pleasant,-----	250 00	Total,-----	\$2,574 62

In conclusion: *Resolved*, 1. That we have undiminished confi-

dence in the "American Bible Society," and that we will labor for the advancement of its interests, so far as we can, consistently with our other religious duties, and that we will lift our hearts to God for his blessing upon the cause; ever regarding this institution as one of the grand instrumentalities by which God intends to fill the world with the knowledge of the truth. All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. KING.

REPORT No. 2.

The bible society, founded in the year 1816, has built for itself and its founders a monument more durable than a statue of marble, or granite. One that will be seen and appreciated while the world stands and its fruits will be gathered when God's last thunder shall shake the world below. The hearts of christians grow warm, and their spirits leap with joy at the pleasing thought that here we have common ground, into which we can cast our mite like precious seed that will bloom and bear until the world is converted to God.

While we rejoice in the success that has attended this society, and pray that God's blessing may rest upon its labors; we believe that West Virginia is justly entitled to a State agent, and ought to have one of her own sons appointed to that office.

Resolved, 1st, That the board be, and hereby is respectfully requested to appoint a State agent from West Virginia.

2nd, That we will heartily co-operate with the agents that are properly appointed to labor in the Bible cause in our bounds.

3rd, That a copy of this report and these resolutions be sent to the Secretary of the American Bible Society at New York.

MOSES TITCHENELL,
SAMUEL HITCHENS,
V. SANFORD,
W. C. WILSON.

Freedmen's Aid Society.

The Committee report that in view of the fact, that thousands of colored people are made free, and turned loose upon society; ignorant, poor, and in a suffering condition; we do most cordially and earnestly recommend the "National Freedmen's Relief Association" to the favorable consideration of all who sympathize with, and would afford relief to them.

Resolved, That we will cordially welcome Rev. H. S. White to our people, as the agent of said association.

M. TITCHENELL, *Ch'm.*

The Will of Nimrod Pumphrey.

The Committee which was appointed to look after the sum donated to the M. E. Church by Nimrod Pumphrey, deceased, submit the following report :

The will of said brother Pumphrey provides that when the estate is sold, that one thousand dollars be appropriated to the interests of the M. E. Church. The Committee would further report, that the aforesaid estate has been sold ; and the administrators wish an agent appointed who may be authorized to receive the funds in proportion as each payment for the estate may be made, and pay the same over to the church.

D. H. K. DIX, *Ch'm.*

D. H. K. Dix was appointed as above desired.

Temperance.

WHEREAS, Intemperance, or the use of ardent spirits as a beverage, is known and acknowledged amongst us as an evil of no ordinary character, producing the most terrible effects, destroying the health and happiness of individuals and families, and sending thousands of immortal spirits to endless woe ; and whereas, this evil has become alarmingly prevalent in our own beloved country, reaching even to the *Nation's Capitol*, affecting men in *high places*, *disqualifying* them for the discharge of the very important duties they owe to their God, and to their country ; and degrading them in the eyes of the world ; therefore,

Resolved, That, as a body of Christian Ministers, whose duty it is to "cry aloud and spare not, but show the people their transgressions" we will give the subject our most serious, and prayerful attention, and labor with all the earnestness of which we are capable to remove this great evil from our land.

B. ISON,
WM. E. WILLIAMSON,
B. DARLINGTON.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools.

Your Committee are gratified to learn that there has been an increase of 18 schools, \$346.36 expenses of schools, and 603 Sunday School Advocates taken in our bounds during the past year. There is a decrease only in three departments, viz: 2 Bible classes, 137 scholars in infant classes, and 96 conversions.

We rejoice at this prosperity, but regret that so little has been done to promote so good a cause. There are fifteen charges which have no Sunday Schools, and only seven reported collections for the Sunday School Union.

It is our opinion that every charge in our bounds will give

something to the Sunday School Union, if the preachers will properly present the subject, and that by a little increased exertion the figures representing each department of the Sunday School cause may be greatly enlarged before the meeting of our next annual session.

We offer for your adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved 1st, That we cherish as lively an interest as ever in the Sunday School cause.

Resolved 2nd, That we will use greater diligence than ever to promote its interests in all its departments.

Resolved 3rd, That we will take up collections in all our charges to aid the Sunday School Union of the M. E. Church.

Resolved 4th, That we recommend Rev. B. Ison and A. L. Wade, Esq., of the Morgantown Dist., Rev. J. B. Blakeney and T. H. Logan, Esq., of the Wheeling Dist., Rev. T. M. Leslie and Geo. Reed, Esq., of the Clarksburg Dist., Rev. G. W. Richmond and H. Logan of the Parkersburg Dist., Rev. A. Stevens and E. W. Newton of the Charleston Dist., to constitute the Sunday School Committee of the West Virginia Conference.

J. B. FEATHER, *Ch'm.*

Report on Education.

The Committee on Education present the following report:

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

The report from the President of this institution speaks for itself. We are happy to learn that Allegheny College, which has been eminently useful in the past, has a good prospect of being greatly more so in the future. It is worthy of the highest confidence, and patronage of our preachers and people. We offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Dr. J. Drummond, A. Martin, Hon. C. D. Hubbard, and G. M. Hagans, Esq., be appointed on the joint committee of control.

Resolved, That A. Martin, R. A. Arthur, A. J. Lyda, Hon. W. T. Willey, Rev. R. D. Callahan and H. K. List, Esq., be the visiting committee.

Resolved, That A. Martin and R. A. Arthur be a committee to make arrangements for the educational anniversary on the second evening of our next Conference.

MORGANTOWN FEMALE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

The Committee had before them and considered the report of the Principal of this Institution; and are gratified at the success of the school during the year. We believe this Seminary to be a very valuable and important one to the interests of the church and the country; especially in that part of the State in which it is located.

No report has been received exhibiting its finances. We hope

that the Trustees will be able so to manage the affairs of this promising Institution as to secure its future prosperity, and extend its usefulness.

We present the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we cherish a lively interest in the welfare of the Morgantown Female Collegiate Institute, and heartily commend it to the patronage of our people, and the public in general.

Resolved, That in consideration of the favor shown to our preachers in the education of their daughters that the proceeds of the Educational Fund of our Conference be given to the Morgantown Female Collegiate Institute, until otherwise ordered.

Resolved, That as members of this Conference we will use our influence to increase the numbers of its pupils.

NORTH WESTERN VIRGINIA ACADEMY.

We have no report from this school, but we learn that the building is still used as a military Hospital. Some correspondence has taken place between the Trustees and the War Department by which it is understood that the Government will repair the building, and compensate for the occupancy of it.

PUBLIC SCHOOL INSTRUCTION.

We are gratified to learn that although great difficulties are encountered in the organization and establishment of the common school system of the State of West Virginia, that considerable progress is making under the efficient management of those who have charge of this vital interest. We hope that the time is not far distant, when delivered from war and depredation, the State will take a proud position beside her sister States of the Union in her great educational schemes. We offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That, as far as possible, we will use our individual influence in promoting the cause of common school education; that we will commend it to our people and the public, and render all desired assistance to the State and County Superintendents, in their useful and arduous labors.

A. STEVENS,
B. ISON,
W. HUNTER,
S. E. STEELE.

Report of Committee on Tract Cause.

The Committee on the Tract Cause report as follows:

By reference to the printed circular of the society it will be seen that the Tract cause has already become a power in the church, and throughout the land.

As an aid to the regular pastor in the discharge of his duty we regard it as indispensable, and we are justified in saying that this agency of the church is felt when all others seem to fail. When our prayers and tears are alike ineffectual these pages preach the

necessity of a change of heart, and in this way thousands have been converted to God.

The good that is now being done among our soldiers will only be known when the dead, small and great, shall stand before God and the books are opened. "Yet the work stops not here for liberal appropriations have been made to India, China, Germany and Bulgaria." Thus it will be seen that our efforts will cause many to rise up and call us blessed.

But do we really feel the importance of this great agency in the church? With a membership of more than Twelve Thousand we raised the paltry sum of \$19.25 cts., and this was declared an increase over the previous year of \$3.50. The collections for the present year amount to \$80.10. This is a step in the right direction; but let us bring home this matter to the hearts of our people until contributions shall be counted by hundreds and even by thousands.

Your Committee recommends in view of the destitute of all lands that we pledge ourselves anew to this great interest of the church.

W. E. WILLIAMSON,
W. L. HINDMAN,
L. D. CASTO.

Report of the Committee on the Case of U. Pribble.

After an investigation of the facts before us we find that while he may have been imprudent in some things, there is no evidence of guilt in his case, and recommend that his credentials be restored to him.

H. STEVENS, *Ch'm.*

The Committee on expenses of Delegates to General Conference, appointed at your last session, report that the total amount received for that purpose was-----

Total expenses-----	\$83,76
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	70,64
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Balance in hand-----	\$13,12.
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The following resolution is submitted:

Resolved, That we do hereby appropriate the above sum to Bro. Phillip Green.

J. L. CLARK, *Committee.*

WHEELING, March 10th, 1865.

Report on Parsonages.

The Committee on Parsonages report that there exists a great want of good parsonages within the bounds of this Conference, and that as Ministers we are often compelled to live in houses wholly unsuitable to ourselves and our families; that our people are abun-

dantly able (the Lord having bountifully blessed them with the good things of this life,) to procure good houses as parsonages for those who faithfully labor for their spiritual and eternal welfare; and in the judgment of this Conference it is their duty to do so, therefore:

Resolved 1. That the presiding elders and preachers in charge of Circuits and Stations, give this subject their fullest attention during the ensuing Conference year, that good houses with suitable lots may be secured as parsonages.

Resolved 2. That R. A. Arthur, T. H. Monroe, M. Titchenell be a committee through whom the presiding elders and preachers in charge shall report to this Conference at its next session as to the condition and character of the parsonages within their respective fields of labor, and what has been done to promote this enterprise.

R. A. ARTHUR, *Ch'm.*

WHEELING, March 10th, 1865.

The Committee on the case of J. S. Hall report that they are unanimously of the opinion that his character should not pass; and as the evidence in the case cannot be fully brought before the Conference at this session we offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the case of J. S. Hall be and is hereby referred to the Presiding Elder of the Morgantown District to be investigated according to discipline and reported to the next session of the Conference.

M. TITCHENELL, *Ch'm.*

Report of the Committee on Memoirs.

DIED, in Knightstown, Indiana, July 10th, 1864, Rev. Jacob S. Patterson of the West Virginia Conference. Bro. Patterson was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, January 21st, 1819. His parents John and Elizabeth Patterson, trained their children for God, and he owned their labors. From childhood, Jacob was convinced that he must be born again, and at times he sought very earnestly for that blessing and then again would neglect that duty and sin much against God, until in his sixteenth year he was more deeply convinced of sin, and then he more fully resolved to seek until he should obtain the forgiveness of sins. This blessing he soon obtained. He was justified by faith, received the spirit of adoption, and was constrained to rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. This occurred on the 5th of December, 1835, at a meeting held in his father's house by Rev. John J. Swayze. On the next day he gladly joined the M. E. Church, which proved as he himself expressed it about one month before he died, a refuge and a home for him in this world of sorrow. Immediately after his conversion the impression was fixed upon his mind that it was

his duty to preach the gospel of Christ, and this impression grew stronger and stronger, until in much weakness, and with great fear and trembling he entered upon that great work. On the 13th of December, 1838, he was licensed to exhort by Rev. W. D. Lemon. On the 10th of Oct, 1840 he was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Claysville Circuit, Pittsburgh Conference. T. M. Hudson, Presiding Elder. In April 1841 he was employed to fill a vacancy on the Fish Creek Circuit, and in July of the same year, on the recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of that Circuit, he was received on trial in the Pittsburgh Conference. His first appointment was Butler Circuit. In 1842 he was appointed to the West Milford Circuit and continued there two years, and at the close of that time he married Miss Elizabeth A., daughter of Col. Patton, whose exemplary deportment has shown that she was well qualified for her responsible position.

In 1844 and again in 1845 he was appointed to Buckhannon Circuit. In 1846-7 to Kingwood Circuit. The West Virginia Conference was formed in 1848 and brother Patterson was embraced in it and appointed to Weston Circuit. In 1849-50, he was stationed in Morgantown. In 1851-2 in Fairmont. In 1853-4 in Chapline street, Wheeling. In 1855-6 in Parkersburg. In 1857-8 in Charleston. In 1859-60 in North street, Wheeling, and in 1861-2, he was again appointed to Fairmont Station. During his last year, in this station, his health so failed, that he was compelled to desist from preaching, and in 1863 he took a superannuated relation under very painful feelings to himself and with much regret by his brethren of the Conference. During the same year he removed with his family to the State of Indiana, where with great joy he finished his earthly cause. His state of mind, his firm trust in the Redeemer, and his readiness to depart and be with Christ, are so clearly indicated in a sketch of his life drawn up by himself in accordance with a request of the Conference addressed to all the Preachers, that it is deemed proper to give to his brethren in the ministry and laity the closing part of it. It will be perceived, he says, that God gave me the great honor and privilege of preaching the glorious gospel for eighteen years; but alas! during these precious years I have been a very unprofitable servant. Yet through the tender mercy of our God I have generally had intimations of his favor, and often clear evidences of his love.

God has given me some success in each of the charges I have served, which has been cheering to my heart and calculated to sustain the conviction that it was my duty to proclaim salvation to dying sinners. I have strong faith in all the doctrines of the M. E. Church and find great comfort therein. And now being in very feeble health, with many symptoms of speedy dissolution, I can say: "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

My sustaining hope is based entirely upon Jesus. God in infinite mercy has given Him as the Saviour. I gladly embrace

Him as *my* Saviour. My mind has been unusually impressed with the fullness, the vastness and infinite efficacy of the Saviour's grace. Thank God for the privilege of having a personal interest in these merits.

And now I wish to say to all my brethren in the ministry and laity that I realize a growing love to you all and I bid you an affectionate adieu, hoping to renew our acquaintance on high. Thus wrote on the 9th of June—not quite one month before he died—our modest, amiable and beloved brother Patterson. He was an exemplary Christian, an able and faithful minister of the gospel, whose hands were pure, whose doctrine and life being coincident, gave lucid proof that he was honest in the sacred cause. Hence through the whole of his itinerant career, he was everywhere respected and useful, acceptable to God and approved of men while he lived, he died in great peace, and has received the Crown of life which the Lord has promised to them that love Him.

W. HUNTER, *Ch'm.*

General Conference Resolutions.

NEW YORK, June 3, 1864.

To the West Virginia Annual Conference :

The following resolutions, relating to a change of the *General Rule on Slavery*, were adopted by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at its session held in the City of Philadelphia in May, 1864:

1. *Resolved*, By the Delegates of the several Annual Conferences in General Conference assembled, that we recommend the amendment of the General Rule on Slavery, so that it shall read :

Slaveholding; buying or selling slaves.

2. *Resolved*, That we recommend the suspension of the Fourth Restrictive Rule for the purpose set forth in the foregoing resolution.

3. *Resolved*, That the Bishops be requested to submit the foregoing resolutions to the Annual Conferences, at their next sessions, and if the requisite number of votes be obtained, to report to the Book agents, who are hereby, instructed to insert the new rule in all subsequent editions of the discipline.

The vote on the foregoing resolutions was taken by ayes and noes, and was as follows:

Ayes	207
Noes	9

Majority in favor of the resolutions 198

Attest:

WILLIAM L. HARRIS,
Secretary of the General Conference.

On motion the Conference concurred in the above resolution by a vote of 50 yeas; 11 nays.

NEW YORK, June 3, 1864.

To the West Virginia Annual Conference:

The General Conference, at its session held in the City of Philadelphia in May, 1864, adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Second Restrictive Rule be amended by striking out the last two words of the Rule, namely, "two delegates," and inserting in their place the following, namely, "one delegate," so that it may read, "provided, also, that no Conference shall be denied the privilege of one delegate."

Resolved, That the Bishops be directed to present the above at the next session of each Annual Conference for their concurrence, and when all the Annual Conferences have acted upon it, publicly to announce the result, and authorize the Book agents to amend the published copy of the discipline accordingly.

The vote on the adoption of the foregoing resolution was taken by ayes and noes, and was as follows:

Ayes-----	144
Noes-----	59

Majority in favor of the resolution----- 85

Attest:

WILLIAM L. HARRIS,

Secretary of the General Conference.

On motion the Conference concurred in the above resolution by a vote of 55 for; none against.

Resolution of Approval.

Resolved, That while we concur in the action of the General Conference on the subject of slavery, we also approve the vote of our delegates on that question, they having acted in accordance with our previous decided position on that subject as a Conference.

A. J. LYDA.

F. BALL.

Resolutions on Books.

Resolved, That we have a high sense of the importance of good books, and that we will use our best endeavors to circulate among our people and the community generally, a useful and healthful literature, and especially the issues of our own publishing houses, believing that they are not excelled by any others in the country, either in the quality of their contents or the cheapness of their price.

Resolved, That we appreciate the importance to our work of the Pittsburgh Book Depository, that we will patronize and sustain it, and we are happy to learn that the agents at New York have it in

contemplation to greatly enlarge that establishment and increase its facilities for usefulness. Let us spread the books.

W. HUNTER,
J. DRUMMOND.

Resolutions of Thanks.

Resolved 1st. That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to the families who have so kindly entertained us during our stay among them.

Resolved 2d. That we also tender our thanks to our sister Churches for their courtesy in opening their pulpits for the occupancy of the members of this Conference.

Resolved 3d. That our thanks are due to the Railroad companies and the Captains of Steamboats who passed the members of this Conference to and from the seat of its present session at reduced fare.

J. W. WEBB,
R. L. WOODYARD.

WHEELING, March 13, 1865.

Treasurer's Report.

Report of the Treasurer of the West Virginia Conference Missionary Society for the year ending March 13th, 1865.

	LAST YEAR.	THIS YEAR.
Morgantown District,.....	\$ 625 82	\$936 53
Wheeling ".....	2,074 46	1,805 85
Clarksburg ".....	333 05	192 60
Parkersburg, ".....	221 55	464 30
Charleston ".....	107 35	98 15
Total from Cir. & Stas.	\$3,362 23	\$3,497 43
Avails of Anniversary,		
Preachers subsc'ons \$58 00		\$56 50
Collection,..... 45 75		37 00
On propositions,..... 108 00	211 75	E. W. Ryan for certificate,..... 5 00
		98 50
Total from all sources,	\$3,573 98	3,595 93
		Last year..... 3,573 98
		Increase,..... \$21 95

J. L. CLARK, *Treasurer.*

Steward's Report, No. 1.

QUESTION.—What amounts are necessary for the superannuated Preachers; the widows and orphans of preachers; and to make up the deficiency of those who have not received their regular allowance from the circuits?

ANSWER.—\$4,213 85.

QUESTION.—What has been collected on the foregoing account and how has it been applied?

ANSWER.—\$998 86.

From Centenary fund, paid by A. J. Lyda, of money	
loaned to D. Woolf -----	\$ 5 00
From Chartered fund, -----	25 00
" Conference collections, -----	968 86
Total, -----	\$998 86

Disbursed as follows:

Francis Guthrie, -----	\$200 00
R. L. Brooks, -----	200 00
P. Greene, -----	100 00
Mrs. Burns, -----	25 00
Mrs. Battelle, -----	60 00
Mrs. Patterson, -----	60 00
A. Dixon, -----	100 00
C. Conner, -----	30 00
C. King, -----	30 00
D. Cool, -----	30 00
B. Darlington, -----	35 00
F. H. J. King, -----	30 00
E. J. Johnston, -----	35 00
J. M. Warden, -----	15 00
B. F. Rogers, -----	20 50
T. M. Hartley, -----	26 56
Stationery, -----	2 30
Total, -----	\$998 86

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. POWELL, *Ch'm.*

Steward's Report, No. 2.

According to our financial plan, it is made the duty of the Stewards to estimate the amount which will probably be necessary to meet the claims of the superannuated preachers, widows and orphans for the year next ending, and equitably apportion the same to the several districts according to their ability. We have in accordance with the foregoing, made the following estimates and apportionments:

Amount necessary-----	\$2,000 00
Apportioned as follows.	
Morgantown District-----	\$450 00
Wheeling "-----	600 00
Clarksburg "-----	375 00
Parkersburg "-----	400 00
Charleston "-----	175 00
	\$2,000 00.

The stewards beg leave to present the following for adoption :

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders and Preachers be earnestly requested to urge upon the people the great necessity of contributing liberally to meet the above claims.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. POWELL, *Chairman*.

Steward's Report, No. 3.

The following money was collected from the several charges for superannuated preachers, widows, orphans, &c.

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.		CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.	
Morgantown Station...	\$50 00	Clarksburg-----	\$12 50
" Circuit-----	24 00	French Creek-----	1 25
Monongalia "-----	10 00	Fairmont-----	3 01
Blacksville "-----	11 35		
Grantsville "-----	10 20		\$16,76
Kingwood "-----	18 25	PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.	
Oakland "-----	20 00	Parkersburg Station---	\$36 00
Evansville "-----	20 65	Murraysville-----	9 50
Fetterman and Grafton	3 00	Newark-----	5 00
Knottsville "-----	3 50	Williamstown-----	27 00
Palatine "-----	3 05	Harrisville-----	18 00
Brandonville "-----	9 80	West Union-----	22 00
		Middlebourne-----	28 50
	\$183,80	Sistersville-----	28 00
			\$174,00
WHEELING DISTRICT.		CHARLESTON DISTRICT.	
Wheeling, 4th Street....	\$278 00	Summerville Circuit---	\$2 60
" Chapline St.-----	52 50		
" North St.-----	50 00		\$2,60
South Wheeling-----	4 00		
Marshall-----	45 00		
New Martinsville-----	6 15		
Triadelphia-----	30 00		
Moundsville-----	27 00		
Mannington-----	4 30		
Grave Creek-----	\$58 80		
West Liberty-----	15 00		
Greene-----	18 45		
	\$589,20		

Total-----\$966,36.

J. M. POWELL, *Ch'm*.

STEWARD'S REPORT, NO. 4.

STATIONS.	PREACHERS.	CLAIMS.	RECEI'TS	DEFI- CIENCY.	CON. COL.	TRAV'G EXP'SES
Wheeling District.						
Wheeling Dist.,.....	Dr. Drummond,..	725 00	692 30	32 70	.....	.....
" Fourth St.,...	A. Martin,.....	1200 00	1200 00	.....	278 00	50 00
" Chapline St.,...	J. B. Blakeney,..	800 00	800 00	.....	52 50	.....
" North St.,.....	F. Ball,.....	600 00	600 00	.....	52 00	5 00
South Wheeling,...	S. Hitchens,.....	425 00	425 00	.....	4 00	.....
Marshall ct.,.....	T. M. Trainer,...	500 00	500 00	.....	45 00	.....
New Martinsville,...	C. Conner,.....	600 00	317 34	282 66	6 15	10 00
Triadelphia,.....	J. L. Clark,.....	600 00	600 00	.....	30 00	.....
Moundsville st.,...	T. B. Hughes,.....	.....	.....	.....	27 00	.....
Mannington, ct.,...	W. E. Williamson	400 00	300 00	100 00	4 30	.....
Grave Creek, ct.,...	R. S. Woodyard,...	500 00	494 65	5 35	58 30	6 50
.....	Henry Wallace,...	66 66	65 94	72	.....	.....
West Liberty,.....	E. C. Wayman,...	450 00	450 00	.....	15 00	.....
Greene ct.,.....	S. W. Davis,	135 00	135 00	.....	18 45	.....
Total,.....		7001 66	6580 23	421 43	591 20	71 50
Clarksburg District.						
Clarksburg District.	A. J. Lyda,.....	800 00	707 75	92 25	12 50	.....
" Station..	E. L. Nicholson,	570 00	570 00	.....	.....	30 00
West Milford,.....	H. C. Sanford,...	500 00	442 83	57 17	.....	.....
Weston,.....	J. L. Sanford,...	150 00	140 65	9 35	.....	.....
Frenchton	C. King,.....	175 00	313 28	61 72	1 25	.....
Pruntytown,.....	J. S. Hall,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
"	J. B. Pinchen,...	125 00	125 00	.....	.....	.....
"	R. H. Wallace,...	100 00	92 00	8 00	.....	.....
Philippi,.....	L. Park,.....	400 00	400 00	.....	.....	.....
Buckhannon,.....	T. M. Leslie,.....	520 00	520 00	.....	.....	.....
Upshur,.....	D. Cool,.....	405 00	304 25	100 75	.....	.....
Fairmont,.....	J. W. Webb,.....	425 00	425 00	.....	3 01	.....
Marion,.....	R. Northcraft,...	450 00	450 00	.....	.....	25 00
Lumberport,.....	S. D. Casto,.....	395 00	292 12	102 88	.....	20 00
Beverly,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total,.....		5215 00	4782 88	432 12	16 76	75 00
Parkersburg Dist'ct.						
Parkersburg Dist'ct	A. A. Reger,.....	950 00	950 00	.....	.....	.....
Parkersburg Station	G. W. Richmond,	700 00	700 00	.....	36 00	.....
Elizabeth ct.,.....	B. S. Benedum,...	175 00	175 00	.....	.....	.....
Mur'ville & Ripley,	D. C. Stewart,...	480 00	332 45	127 55	9 50	50 00
Newark ct.,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....
Spencer ct.,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Williamstown ct.,...	R. Hager,.....	450 00	410 00	40 00	27 00	.....
Harrisville, ct.,...	V. Sanford,.....	500 00	430 00	70 00	18 00	30 00
West Union ct.,...	W. D. Warman,...	320 00	320 00	.....	22 00	.....
Middlebourne ct.,...	C. H. Lakin,	350 00	350 00	.....	28 50	.....
Sistersville ct.,.....	S. E. Steele,.....	450 00	450 00		28 00	
Total,.....		4375 00	4137 45	237 55	174 00	80 00

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STATIONS.	PREACHERS.	CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.	DEFICIENCIES	CONF. COL.	TRAV. EXP'SES
Morgantown District						
Morgantown Dist...	G. W. Arnold,...	800 00	783 56	16 44	.....	.....
" Sta.,...	B. Ison,.....	600 00	600 00	.....	50 00	30 00
" Cir.,...	J. M. Powell,...	500 00	500 00	.....	24 50	45 00
Monongalia Cir.,...	J. B. Feather,...	420 00	420 00	.....	10 00	.....
" " 	G. W. Matheney,.	80 00	80 00	.....	.....	.....
Brandonville, Cir.,	W. C. Wilson,...	355 00	335 00	20 00	11 35	.....
Grantville Cir.,...	Wm. L. Hindman	450 00	450 00	.....	10 20	17 00
Kingwood Cir.,...	C. Hall,	550 00	550 00	.....	18 25	12 00
Oakland Cir.,.....	M. V. B. White,.	500 00	500 00	.....	20 00	.....
St. George Cir.,...	T. M. Hartley,...	275 00	243 65	31 35	.....	.....
Evansville Cir.,...	M. Allen,.....	450 00	450 00	.....	20 65	20 00
Pet'rman & Grafton	S. King,	400 00	400 00	.....	3 00	.....
Knottsville Cir.,...	M. Titchenell,...	350 00	350 00	.....	3 50	.....
Palatine Cir.,.....	B. F. Rogers,...	375 00	271 30	103 70	3 05	.....
Blackville Cir.,...	P. Vandervort,...	350 00	350 00	.....	9 80	.....
Total,.....		6455 00	6283 51	171 49	184 30	124 00
Charleston District.						
Charleston Dist., ...	D. W. K. Dix, ...	450 00	450 00	.....	.....	.....
Point Pleasant Cir.,	U. Pribble	300 00	150 00	150 00	.....	.....
Ashland Cir.,.....	W. D. Rice,.....	190 00	190 00	.....	.....	.....
Malden Cir.,.....	J. M. Warden,...	550 00	424 50	125 50	.....	10 00
Summerville, &c.,...	B. Darlington,...	500 00	294 64	205 40	2 60	15 00
Putnam,	F. M. J. King,...	250 00	180 00	70 00	.....	.....
Guyandotte & Cat...	E. W. Ryan,.....	200 00	200 00	.....	.....	20 00
Pocatalico,.....	E. J. Johnston,...	400 00	199 60	200 40	.....	9 00
Charleston,.....	W. D. Sandford,.	260 00	75 00	185 00	.....	.....
Charleston Station,	H. Stevens,.....	500 00	500 00			
Total,.....		3600 00	2663 74	936 30	2 60	54 00

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MINUTES OF WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.			BAP. TISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	L. Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable value.	Parsonages.	Probable value.	For Conference Claims.	For Missionary Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday S. Union.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.
MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.																			
Morgantown Station.....	171	3	143	2	22	6	1	\$10,000	1	\$2,000	50 00	\$500 00	\$10 35	142 85	\$12 50	1	27	195	500
Morgantown Circuit.....	397	4	34	3	4	9	8	5,000	1	650	24 50	131 38	.....	.....	.....	4	45	197	440
Monongalia.....	434	10	60	3	7	12	7	5,000	1	300	10 00	46 05	.....	.....	.....	5	41	250	750
Palatine.....	223	2	42	7	5	6	4,000	.....	.....	.....	3 05	7 65	.....	1 70	.....	5	40	145	550
Brandonville.....	223	.....	65	5	18	.....	3	5,000	1	350	11 35	18 00	.....	2 63	.....	5	45	175	545
Knottsville.....	241	7	.....	2	.....	.....	3	12,000	.....	.....	3 50	16 90	.....	20 00	.....	4	35	140	500
Kingwood.....	332	5	67	3	43	5	4	2,900	.....	.....	18 25	60 00	.....	269 00	.....	18	178	820	2,750
Oakland.....	230	7	25	2	37	5	5	3,000	1	400	20 00	30 00	.....	.....	.....	7	65	250	700
St. George.....	182	7	15	3	2	15	7	2,500	.....	.....	2 50	7 00	.....	102 75	.....	5	25	150	400
Evansville.....	264	4	64	1	4	10	5	2,500	1	500	20 65	65 00	.....	33 00	4 35	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grafton and Fetterman.....	99	2	30	.....	.....	.....	2	1,500	.....	.....	3 00	16 00	.....	.....	.....	2	28	125	900
Grantsville.....	200	2	.....	3	6	17	4	1,500	.....	.....	10 20	25 55	.....	.....	.....	5	36	127	625
Blacksville.....	280	3	18	4	10	1	4	3,000	1	350	9 80	12 40	.....	.....	.....	5	24	260	500
Total.....	3456	56	563	38	121	112	59	\$57,900	7	\$4,550	186 80	\$936 53	\$10 35	572 03	\$16 85	66	589	3834	9,160
WHEELING DISTRICT.																			
Island Sunday School.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wheeling, Fourth Street.....	503	13	67	2	10	29	2	\$2,000	1	\$4,000	278 00	950 00	\$10 00	300 00	\$10 00	3	77	619	3,302
Wheeling, North Street.....	229	15	67	2	11	44	1	6,000	1	1,200	52 50	331 50	8 25	18 35	.....	1	27	266	430
Wheeling, Chapline Street.....	155	4	52	1	13	23	1	5,000	1	1,000	52 00	140 00	3 00	15 00	5 00	2	60	300	600
South Wheeling.....	52	3	35	.....	2	13	1	1,800	.....	.....	4 00	.....	2 00	7 00	.....	1	27	170	700
Triadelphia.....	139	6	23	.....	2	5	2	1,500	1	400	30 00	60 00	.....	35 45	8 20	2	15	135	400
Moundsville Station.....	110	3	6	2	12	.....	1	4,000	1	600	27 00	47 05	.....	100 00	.....	1	16	75	400
Grave Creek.....	224	6	38	.....	6	5	.....	3,000	.....	.....	58 80	65 30	10 00	86 00	.....	2	75	450	1,800
Marshall.....	351	6	101	5	10	30	7	3,000	.....	.....	45 00	59 00	.....	47 50	.....	2	75	450	1,800
Greene.....	180	3	43	2	12	.....	2	700	.....	.....	18 15	16 85	.....	.....	.....	2	75	450	1,800
Short Creek and Liberty.....	200	2	115	12	10	2	3,000	1	300	15 00	60 00	.....	21 70	4 50	.....	2	30	250	1,300
Mannington.....	163	2	6	3	12	8	6	6,000	1	600	4 30	16 50	1 00	46 00	1 00	6	30	250	1,300
New Martinsville.....	158	2	.....	1	.....	2	3	1,500	.....	.....	6 15	9 65	.....	60 00	.....	2	18	100	400
Total.....	2314	65	551	18	96	175	33	\$47,500	7	\$8,100	591 20	1,805 85	\$34 25	737 00	\$23 70	39	477	2795	10,921

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.			BAPTISMS.	CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.							
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers		L. Preachers	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable value.	Parsonages.	Probable value.	For Conference Claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday Union.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.
CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.																				
Clarksburg Station.....	40	1	145	...	22	...	1	\$1,000	...	.....	12 50	\$ 23 80	.....	100 00	.....	1	15	60	425	
West Milford.....	380	3	45	3	.....	2	9	6,500	1	\$ 600	.....	17 50	.....	13 65	.....	3	19	120	400	
Weston.....	160	1	1	4	.....	.....	3	1,400	1	500	.....	.....	.....	44 00	.....	4	57	250	1,000	
Frenchton.....	250	20	2	10	18	25	9	5,000	.....	.....	1 20	8 15	.....	65 00	.....	4	35	125	225	
Pruntytown.....	323	3	50	6	.....	.....	8	5,000	1	250	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Phillippi.....	345	...	52	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Buckhannon.....	411	1	66	8	15	5	7	3,500				39 05		130 60		7	2	10	50	25
Upshur.....	100	...	60	1	.....	.....	3	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	50	25	
Fairmont.....	100	...	.....	2	.....	.....	8	6,000	1	1,000	3 00	25 00	\$1 00	38 50	\$1 00	.....	17	80	350	
Marion.....	370	6	30	1	3	12	7	4,500	1	450	.....	18 10	.....	.....	.....	4	48	280	500	
Lumberport.....	250	2	65	2	2	.....	8	3,300	.....	.....	.....	16 10	.....	.....	.....	1	7	50	150	
Beverly.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Salem.....	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total.....	2809	37	516	44	62	57	57	\$30,700	5	\$2,800	16 70	\$192 60	\$1 00	391 75	\$1 00	27	266	1415	3,604	
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.																				
Parkersburg Station.....	172	2	5	4	1	5	1	\$15,000	1	\$3,000	20 00	\$194 55	.....	114 82	.....	1	25	125	634	
Elizabeth.....	160	5	35	3	1	.....	1	1,000	1	500	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	4	25	105	400	
Williamstown.....	240	6	5	5	1	6	4	2,000	1	600	27 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....	5	18	140	500	
Murrayville and Ripley.....	158	6	83	1	20	15	28	2,000	.....	.....	9 50	13 45	.....	.....	.....	3	50	140	425	
Harrisville.....	650	3	75	8	20	15	8	3,500	1	800	18 00	33 00	.....	150 00	.....	8	95	410	1,500	
West Union.....	236	...	15	3	14	4	.....	2,500	.....	.....	22 00	22 50	.....	30 00	.....	6	55	197	815	
Middlebourne.....	287	3	79	4	5	.....	7	450	1	450	28 50	18 00	.....	.....	.....	10	90	300	375	
Sistersville.....	248	2	41	3	17	6	4	5,000	.....	.....	28 00	50 00	.....	52 15	.....	5	40	172	150	
Newark.....	130	1	47	2	12	10	1	300	.....	.....	5 00	12 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Glenville.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Spencer.....	150	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total.....	2506	28	345	35	61	61	37	\$34,200	5	\$5,350	158 00	\$464 30		446 97		42	378	1589	4,799	

STATISTICS OF WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE FOR 1865.

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MINUTES OF WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers	L. Preachers	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable value.	Parsenages.	Probable value.	For Conference Claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday S. Union.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.
CHARLESTON DISTRICT.																			
Charleston Station.....	108	1	8	.....	9	7	1	\$5,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	12	50	500
Catlettsburg and Guyandotte.....	65	2	63	.....	.....	.....	2	5,000	.....	.....	.....	\$66 15	.....	.....	.....	2	26	150	400
Buffalo.....	70	.....	40	2	.....	.....	5	2,000	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pocatalis.....	151	3	106	3	31	10	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ashland.....	38	.....	19	4	.....	2	1	2,000	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Malden.....	72	2	72	.....	16	9	2	3,000	1	300	.....	3 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Point Pleasant.....	265	1	50	28	12	2	6	5,200	.....	.....	.....	13 20	.....	3 00	.....	4	.....	66	350
Summersville.....	349	.....	114	2	13	20	2	2,000	1	200	2 60	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charleston Circuit.....	100	.....	50	1	.....	3	3	500	1	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	2	16	50	150
Wayne.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coal River.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Calhoun.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sutton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wyoming.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	1218	9	522	20	81	53	28	\$24,700	3	800	\$2 60	\$98 15	.....	\$3 00	\$1 00	15	98	590	2050
RECAPITULATION.																			
Morgantown District.....	3456	56	563	38	121	112	59	\$57,900	7	\$4,550	\$186 80	\$936 63	10 35	572 03	16 85	66	589	2834	9160
Wheeling.....	2314	65	551	18	96	175	33	47,500	7	8,100	591 20	1,805 85	34 25	737 00	28 70	39	477	2795	10921
Clarksburg.....	2809	37	516	44	62	57	57	30,700	5	2,800	16 70	122 60	1 00	391 75	1 00	27	256	1415	3604
Parkersburg.....	2506	28	345	35	91	61	37	34,200	5	5,500	158 00	464 30	.....	446 97	.....	42	378	1889	4799
Charleston.....	1218	9	522	20	81	53	28	24,700	3	800	2 60	98 15	.....	3 00	1 00	15	98	590	2050
Total.....	12303	195	2497	155	341	458	214	\$195,000	27	\$20,800	\$955 30	3,497 43	45 60	2150 75	47 55	189	1808	9223	30534
Last Year.....	12866	171	2183	158	532	569	226	175,500	26	13,975	673 93	3,353 39	39 77	35 90	74 68	175	1824	8747	28393
Increase.....		24	314					\$19,500	1	\$6,825	\$281 37	144 04	5 83	2114 85		14		476	2141
Decrease.....	563			3	191	11	12							27 13			6		

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Secretaries—A. Martin, S. Steele, S. W. Davis.

COMMITTEES.

The following Committees were appointed :

The Presiding Elders were appointed a Nominating Committee, who reported the following Standing Committees :

On Public Worship—G. W. Arnold, B. Ison, J. M. Powell, J. W. Webb.

Board of Stewards—Ministerial—A. Hall, F. Ball, R. Northcraft, G. W. Richmond, D. H. K. Dix. *Lay*—M. Dowler.

On Necessitous Cases—The Board of Stewards.

On Missions—The Presiding Elders.

On Memoirs—J. W. Webb, J. L. Irwin, J. B. Feather.

On Education—W. Hunter, J. B. Blakeney, H. C. Sanford, S. E. Steele, H. D. Rice, M. Tichenel.

Sunday Schools—W. C. Wilson, T. B. Hughes, E. Ford, V. Sanford, E. W. Ryan, L. D. Casto.

Parsonages—J. M. Powell, M. Tichenel, T. M. Lesley, T. H. Monroe, Robert Hagar.

Periodicals—M. Allen, T. H. Trainer, E. L. Nicholson, J. W. W. Bolton, D. H. K. Dix.

Tract Cause—D. Cool, C. Conner, R. Hagar.

Bible Cause—T. H. Trainer, C. King, J. M. Powell, B. F. Rogers.

On Temperance—R. M. Wallace, G. Martin, J. M. Warden, A. J. Lyon, E. W. Ryan.

On the State of the Country—W. Hunter, E. C. Wayman, J. L. Irwin, S. E. Steele, D. H. K. Dix.

Publication of Minutes—J. L. Clark, F. Ball, S. Steele.

To Collect Subscriptions to Publish the Minutes—M. V. B. White

On Post Offices and Local Preachers—S. Hitchens.

On the Observance of the Sabbath—C. King, T. M. Hartley, W. D. Warman.

On Church Extension—Presiding Elders.

On Centenary Address—W. Hunter, G. Martin, J. L. Irwin, G. W. Richmond, H. D. Rice.

On Tobacco—T. H. Monroe, R. H. Wallace, M. Tichenel.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

To Audit the Missionary Accounts of the Presiding Elders—W. Hunter, M. Tichenel, G. W. Richmond.

On the Case of H. C. Sanford—W. Hunter, T. H. Monroe, R. Northcraft.

On the Case of G. W. Arnold—J. L. Irwin, A. Hall, D. H. K. Dix.

Committee of Trial in the Case of M. Allen—T. H. Trainer, President; J. W. Webb, Secretary; J. L. Irwin, T. H. Monroe, S. E. Steele, J. B. Blakeney, J. M. Powell, E. L. Nicholson, B. Ison, R. Hagar, W. Hunter, R. M. Wallace, J. W. W. Bolton, J. D. Onins, J. B. Feather.

On the Case of A. Stevens—M. Tichenel, D. H. K. Dix, J. D. Onins.

On the Case of A. J. Lyon—G. Martin, R. H. Wallace, T. B. Hughes, R. M. Wallace, A. J. Lyda.

On the New York Accounts—E. C. Wayman.

To Bear Fraternal Greetings to the Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church—Ministerial—M. Tichenel, J. L. Clark, G. W. Arnold. *Lay*—W. T. Willey, C. D. Hubbard.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION FOR 1867.

To Examine Candidates for Admission on Trial—J. W. W. Bolton, M. V. B. White, E. W. Ryan.

First Year—J. M. Powell, M. Allen, S. Hitchens.

Second Year—G. W. Richmond, R. H. Wallace, C. King, E. C. Wayman.

Third Year—A. Hall, H. C. Sanford, T. M. Leslie, W. L. Hindman.

Fourth Year—F. Ball, B. Ison, E. L. Nicholson, T. B. Hughes.

Local Preachers for Deacon's Orders—W. C. Wilson, S. King, C. Conner.

Local Deacons for Elder's Orders—J. B. Feather, S. E. Steele, E. Ford.

Disciplinary Questions.

QUESTION I—Who are admitted to trial?

ANSWER—C. W. Swartz, W. D. Carrico, J. T. Davis, G. A. Sheets, C. H. Conway, W. F. Cannan, W. W. Kelly, M. W. Rider, G. Rogers, J. Kelly, E. B. Blundon, J. M. Rife.

QUEST. II—Who remain on trial?

ANS.—G. W. Matheny, C. H. Lakin, J. A. Kibbe, S. D. Jones, D. S. Benedum, T. M. Hartley.

QUEST. III—Who are admitted into full connection?

ANS.—None.

QUEST. IV—Who are the Deacons?

ANS.—S. W. Davis.

QUEST. V—Who are elected and ordained Elders this year?

ANS.—E. W. Ryan, J. M. Warden. [L. Warman, A. L. Wade, J. D. Snodgrass and E. L. Snodgrass were elected and ordained Local Deacons.]

QUEST. VI—Who have located this year?

ANS.—None.

QUEST. VII—Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

ANS.—J. S. P. Carroll, R. L. Woodyard, J. B. Pincheon, A. Stevens, J. L. Sanford, L. Parke.

QUEST. VIII—Who are the Superannuated or worn-out Preachers?

ANS.—A. B. Smith, G. Jones, F. Guthrie, P. Green, J. Burkett, D. A. McGinnis, W. R. Carroll, A. Dixon, R. L. Brooks, W. R. Howe, A. B. Rohrbach, J. B. West.

QUEST. IX—Who have been expelled this year?

ANS.—None.

QUEST. X—Who have withdrawn this year?

ANS.—None.

QUEST.—Who have died this year?

ANS.—P. Vandervort, (see Memoir.)

QUEST.—What is the number of Church Members, Probationers and Local Preachers?

ANS.—Members,	- - - - -	14,829
Probationers,	- - - - -	5,428
Local Preachers,	- - - - -	170
Traveling and Sap.,	- - - - -	86

20,513

Last year,	- - - - -	15,035
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Increase,	- - - - -	5,478
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QUEST.—What amounts are necessary for the Superannuated Preachers, the widows and orphans of Preachers, and to make up the deficiency of those who have not received their regular allowance from the Circuits?

ANS.—\$4,883 53.

QUEST.—What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

ANS.—From Circuits and Stations,	- - -	\$891 88
“ Chartered fund,	- - -	30 00
	—	\$921 88

Which was disbursed as follows:

Francis Guthrie,	- - - - -	\$200 00
Philip Green,	- - - - -	100 00
Andrew Dixon,	- - - - -	150 00
R. L. Brooks,	- - - - -	150 00
Widow Battelle,	- - - - -	50 00
“ Patterson,	- - - - -	50 00
“ Burns,	- - - - -	50 00
L. D. Casto,	- - - - -	10 00
C. Conner,	- - - - -	20 00

F. H. J. King,	- - - - -	10 00
B. Darlington,	- - - - -	30 00
E. B. Blundon,	- - - - -	25 00
R. Hagar,	- - - - -	13 00
S. D. Jones,	- - - - -	30 00
A. C. Hall,	- - - - -	25 33
Trunk to file Conference Papers,	- - - - -	8 00
Stationery,	- - - - -	55

\$921 88

QUEST.—What has been collected for the support of missions ; and what for the Sunday School Union, and for the American Bible Society, and for the circulation of Tracts, and for the Church Extension Society ?

ANS.—For Miss'ns from Circuits & Stations, \$3,971 45

Avails of Anniversary, Preachers' subscriptions, collections, &c., 144 90

—————\$4,100 42

Sunday School Union, - - - \$70 67

American Bible Society, - - 2,082 40

Tract Cause, - - - 33 90

Church Extension, - - - 783 00

—————\$2,969 37

Total for Benevolent Purposes, \$7,069 79

QUEST.—Where are the Preachers stationed this year ?

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.	POST OFFICES.
Morgantown Dist.,...	J. B. Blakeney, P. E.,.....	Morgantown, Monongalia Co., W. V.
Morgantown Sta.,...	B. Ison,.....	" " " "
Morgantown Cir.,...	J. M. Powell,.....	" " " "
Smithtown,	W. D. Carrico,.....	" " " "
Monongalia,.....	J. W. Webb, 1 to be suppl'd.,	Granville, " " "
Brandonville,.....	R. Laughlin,.....	Brandonville, Preston " "
Grantsville,.....	J. B. Feather,.....	Grantsville, Alleghany Co., Md.
Kingwood,.....	W. C. Wilson, G. A. Sheets,	Kingwood, Preston Co., W. V.
Oakland,	C. King, 1 to be supplied,.....	Oakland, Alleghany Co., Md.
St. George,.....	J. T. Davis,.....	Rowlesburg, Preston Co., W. V.
Evansville,	M. Allen,.....	Evansville, " " "
Grafton & Fetterman,.....	S. King,.....	Grafton, Taylor Co., W. V.
Palatine,	C. Conner,.....	Palatine, Marion Co., W. V.
Knottsville,	J. J. Dolliver,.....	Knottsville, Taylor Co., W. V.
Blacksville,	L. D. Casto, W. W. Kelly,.....	Jollytown, Greene Co., Pa.

Wm. Hunter, Professor of Hebrew and Biblical Literature, Alleghany College, and member of the Morgantown Quarterly Conference, Meadville, Crawford Co., Pa.

G. W. Arnold, Principal and Financial Agent of the Morgantown Female Collegiate Institute, and member of the Morgantown Quarterly Conference, Morgantown, Monongalia Co., W. V.

WHEELING DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.	POST OFFICES.
Wheeling District,...	J. L. Clark, P. E.,.....	Wheeling, Ohio Co., W. Va.
" Fourth St.,...	A. Martin,.....	" " " "
" North St.,...	G. Martin,.....	" " " "

Wheeling, Island Ch. J. A. Kibbe,	Wheeling, Ohio Co., W. Va.
“ East Wheel’g, F. Ball,	“ “ “ “
“ Chapline St., S. Steele,	“ “ “ “
South Wheeling, T. H. Trainer,	“ “ “ “
Marshall,	Benwood, Marshall Co., W. Va.
Moundsville,	Moundsville, Marshall Co., W. Va.
New Martinsville,	New Martinsville, Wetzel Co., W. V.
Fishing Cr’k Mis’n, To be Supplied,	Brown’s Mills, Harrison Co., W. V.
Mannington,	M. V. B. White,
Greene,	To be supplied,
Grave Creek,	R. M. Wallace, 1 to be sup’d,
Salem & Sandhill,	W. F. Cannan,
Triadelphia,	M. Tichenel,
Short C’k & Liberty, J. L. Irwin,	West Liberty, “ “ “

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.	POST OFFICES.
Clarksburg Dist., ..	A. J. Lyda, P. E.,	Fairmont, Marion Co., West Va.
“ Station, ..	A. Hall,	Clarksburg, Harrison Co., W. Va.
West Milford,	J. M. Warden, 1 to be sup’d, ..	West Milford, “ “ “
Weston,	S. W. Davis,	Weston, Lewis Co., W. Va.
Frenchton,	T. M. Leslie, 1 to be sup’d, ..	“ “ “
Pruntytown,	R. H. Wallace, M. W. Rider, ..	Pruntytown, Taylor Co., W. Va.
Phillippi,	R. Northcraft,	Phillippi, Barbour “ “ “
Buckhannon Sta., ..	J. W. Reger,	Buckhannon, Upshur Co., W. Va.
“ Cir., ..	A. A. Reger,	“ “ “ “
Upshur,	T. M. Hartley,	“ “ “ “
Fairmont,	J. W. W. Bolton,	Fairmont, Marion “ “ “
Marion,	H. C. Sanford,	Barracksville, “ “ “
Lumberport,	D. Cool, 1 to be supplied,	Lumberport, “ “ “
Beverly,	G. Rogers,	Beverly, Randolph Co., W. Va.
Salem,	E. Ford,	“ “ “
Bridgeport & Elk Mis., To be supplied,		

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.	POST OFFICES.
Parkersburg Dist., ..	T. H. Monroe, P. E.,	Parkersburg, Wood Co., W. Va.
“ Station, ..	G. W. Richmond,	“ “ “ “
“ Mission, ..	J. D. Onins,	“ “ “ “
Elizabeth and Burn- ing Springs,	To be Supplied,	Elizabeth, Wirt “ “
Wirt Circuit,	W. D. Warman,	“ “ “ “
Williamstown,	W. L. Hindman,	Williamstown, Wood “ “
Murrayville,	A. J. Lyon,	Murrayville, Jackson “ “
Ripley,	D. S. Benedum,	Ripley, “ “ “
Harrisville,	S. E. Steele, 1 to be sup’d, ..	Harrisville, Ritchie “ “
Newark,	F. H. J. King,	“ “ “
West Union,	C. H. Lakin,	West Union, Doddridge Co., W. V.
Middlebourne,	V. Sanford,	Middlebourne, Tyler “ “
Sistersville,	E. L. Nicholson,	Sistersville, “ “ “
Glenville,	To be Supplied,	Glenville, Gilmer “ “
Spencer,	To be Supplied,	“ “ “
White Oak Miss’n, ..	To be Supplied,	“ “ “
Calhoun,	To be Supplied,	“ “ “

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.	POST OFFICES.
Charleston District, ..	R. A. Arthur, P. E.,	Charleston, Kanawha Co., W. Va.
“ Station, ..	W. E. Williamson,	“ “ “ “
“ Circuit, ..	A. W. Gregg,	“ “ “ “
Maldon,	E. B. Blundon,	Maldon, “ “ “
Pocatalico,	G. W. Matheny,	“ “ “
Putnam,	D. H. K. Dix,	Winfield, Putnam “ “
Buffalo,	C. W. Swartz,	Buffalo, “ “ “

Point Pleasant,.....G. Monroe,.....Point Pleasant, Mason Co., W. Va.
 Hartford City Cir.,...E. W. Ryan,.....Hartford City, " " "
 Monticello,To be Supplied,.....
 Cannelton,B. Darlington,.....
 Summersville,To be Supplied,.....
 Braxton & Webster, C. H. Conway,.....
 Elk River,.....To be Supplied,.....
 Henry Stevens, stationed at McMinnville, Tenn., and member of Point Pleasant Quarterly Conference.

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.

PREACHERS.

POST OFFICES.

Guyandotte Dist.,...H. D. Rice, P. E.,.....Guyandotte, Cabel Co., W. Va.
 Guyandotte,S. D. Jones,....." " " "
 Catlettsburg,S. Hitchens,.....
 Ashland and Green-
 upsburg,.....J. M. Rife,.....Ashland, Boyd Co., Kentucky.
 Coalton,W. H. Shaw,.....
 Wayne,.....J. Kelly,.....
 Logan,.....B. Hagar,.....
 Boone,.....R. Hagar,.....
 Wyoming and
 McDowell,.....To be Supplied,
 Louisa,A. R. Crislip,
 Paintsville,.....M. L. King,
 Floyd & Pike,.....To be Supplied,
 Morgan & Magoffin, To be Supplied,
 J. Drummond, transferred to the Pittsburg Conference.
 To preach the Missionary Sermon, J. B. Blakeney. Alternate J. W. Webb.
 The next session of the Conference to be held at Catlettsburg, Kentucky.

LOCAL PREACHERS.

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

Charles McLain,.....Morgantown, Monongalia County, West Va.
 M. N. Johnson,.....do do do do
 A. L. Wade,.....do do do do
 T. Holt,.....do do do do
 J. Grub,.....White Day, do do do do
 L. Warman,.....Ice's Ferry, do do do do
 T. Hawkins,.....Raccoon, Preston do do
 J. A. Boyers,.....Granville, Monongalia do do
 M. L. Boyers,.....do do do do
 J. N. Watters,.....Maidsville, do do do do
 W. Smith,.....Statter's Run, do do do do
 J. C. Myers,.....Blacksville, do do do do
 J. H. Gibson,.....Brandonville, Preston do do do do
 J. C. Robinson,.....Glade Farms, do do do do
 D. Tichenel,.....Muddy Creek, do do do do
 C. Ringer,.....Morgan's Glade, do do do do
 E. S. Wilson,.....Kingwood, do do do do
 P. S. Barrack,.....Tunnelton, do do do do
 D. J. McGinnis,.....Evansville, do do do do
 F. G. W. Ford,.....Kasson, do do do do
 J. P. Loudenuik,.....Selbysport, Alleghany do Md.
 J. Dewitt,.....Johnstown, do do do do
 D. H. Friend,.....do do do do do do
 J. M. Davis,.....Oakland, do do do do
 J. J. Davis,.....Palatine, Marion do West Va.
 C. A. Swearengen,.....do do do do
 S. Harris,.....do do do do
 M. Doolittle,.....Burner's, do do do do
 E. G. Murphy,.....Grafton, Taylor do do do do
 Price Pitzer,.....do do do do

WHEELING DISTRICT.

E. J. Stone, E.....	Wheeling, Ohio County, West Virginia.				
W. G. Hobbs, E.....	do do do do				
J. Willetts, D.....	do do do do				
W. D. Havely, D.....	do do do do				
J. A. Lancaster, L.....	do do do do				
James Baggs, L.....	do do do do				
M. Doty, L.....	do do do do				
M. Dowler, E.....	Sharon, Marshall County, West Virginia.				
R. Wilson, L.....					
S. Jones, E.....	Moundsville, Marshall County, West Va.				
G. Pelly, E.....	do do do do				
J. Alexander, E.....	do do do do				
W. Evans, L.....	do do do do				
J. Alley, D.....	Glen Easton, do do do do				
G. Franklin, L.....	Belton, do do do do				
D. Cunningham, E.....	Beatty's Mills, Marion do do do				
Wm. Conaway, L.....	Mannington, do do do do				
A. Ney, L.....	do do do do				
J. Glendenning, D.....	New Martinsville, Wetzel County, W. Va.				
J. M. Sterling, L.....	do do do do				

E for Elder, D for Deacon, L for Licentiate.

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

J. Holt.....	West Milford, Harrison County, West Va.				
A. C. Rider.....	Quiet Dell, do do do do				
J. A. Williams.....	Sycamore Dale, do do do do				
S. Wilson.....	Kinsloe, Lewis do do do do				
J. M. Harshbarger.....	Weston, do do do do				
N. Snider.....	do do do do do do				
J. Law.....	do do do do do do				
G. W. Dean.....	do do do do do do				
J. McWhorter.....	do do do do do do				
D. Hall.....	do do do do do do				
J. C. McCoy.....	do do do do do do				
D. W. Rector.....	Pruntytown, Taylor do do do do				
A. Vincent.....	Shinston, Harrison do do do do				
J. Clellan.....	Boothsville, Marion do do do do				
J. J. Nixon.....	do do do do do do				
J. H. G. Pinn.....	do do do do do do				
J. Burns.....	Fairmont, do do do do do do				
D. Turney.....	do do do do do do				
D. S. Pinnell.....	Buckhannon, Upshur do do do do				
E. Bennett.....	do do do do do do				
J. Waugh.....	do do do do do do				
W. Ward.....	do do do do do do				
S. Ingol.....	do do do do do do				
G. S. Riffle.....	Frenchton, do do do do do do				
S. Wilson.....	do do do do do do				
G. P. Wanless.....	do do do do do do				
J. N. Vincent.....	Centerville, do do do do do do				
L. Young.....	French Creek, do do do do do do				
J. Teter.....	Bealington, do do do do do do				
S. Tallman.....	do do do do do do				
J. Pitman.....	Phillippi, Barbour do do do do				
D. R. Poling.....	do do do do do do				
C. Tipton.....	do do do do do do				
J. Paston.....	do do do do do do				
S. Lothem.....	do do do do do do				
H. Fry.....	Beverly, Randolph do do do do				
M. W. Davis.....	Cherry Camp, Harrison do do do do				
J. Bouse.....	Anderson's Store, Lewis do do do do				
D. Miller.....	Sardis, Harrison do do do do				
E. Robinson.....	do do do do do do				
J. McElfresh.....	do do do do do do				

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

D. Charnock,	Parkersburg,	Wood County,	West Virginia.
D. Heaton,	do	do	do
J. Steele,	Slater's Creek,	do	do
O. Stephens,	do	do	do
S. R. Dawson,	Harrisville,	Richie	do
Thomas Reitz,	do	do	do
Eli Riddle,	do	do	do
J. W. Miller,	Bone Creek,	do	do
E. L. Snodgrass,	do	do	do
A. P. Law,	do	do	do
L. Newbanks,	Walker's Station,	Wood County,	do
S. Knight,	West Union,	Doddridge	do
J. T. Childers,	do	do	do
G. W. McIntire,	Ripleys,	Tyler	do
W. Wilcox,	Persley,	do	do
D. King,	Sistersville,	do	do
T. H. Hickman,	do	do	do
J. Parker,	do	do	do
R. Martin,	Van Camp,	Wetzel	do
D. Meredith,	do	do	do

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

T. Davis,	Kanawha C. H.,	Kanawha County,	W. Va.
C. King,	do	do	do
R. Cadwalender,	Malden,	do	do
R. Sanford,	do	do	do
R. Brooks,	Coalsmouth,	do	do
J. Kincaid,	Fayetteville,	Fayette County,	West Va.
J. Johnson,	do	do	do
N. Shuman,			
U. Prebble,			
J. Bird,			
J. Moses,			
J. V. Young,			
S. Williams,	Summersville,	Nicholas County,	W. Va.
W. Gross,	do	do	do
A. Wedge,	Gauley Bridge,	Fayette	do
A. Waugh,	do	do	do
W. Surratt,	do	do	do
R. D. Callahan,	Asiland,	Boyd	Ky.
S. T. Smith,	do	do	do
J. Kenedy,	Coalton,	do	do

Reports.

Report on the State of the Country.

The Committee on the State of the Country submit the following as their report:

As a Conference, we desire to express our gratitude to Almighty God, for the wonderful change which has taken place in the condition of our country. Since our last annual session, the wicked and unjustifiable rebellion, which for more than four years had spread ruin, desolation and death over vast portions of our fair land, has been brought to a very sudden, and we trust a final end;

and the war is thereby forever terminated. The cloud of darkness and adversity that then hung over our national sky, has been rolled away by the hand of a kind and beneficent Providence, presaging a most desirable and speedy restoration of peace and prosperity to our much beloved country. Our brothers and sons have returned in triumph from the field of strife and blood, surviving victims of the cruelties of a sanguinary war, to mingle with us again in the more happy and peaceful pursuits of civil and domestic life.

We would at the same time express our deep and abiding sympathy for the widows and orphans of our soldiers, who have died on the field of battle or perished in prisons in the South, under the relentless cruelties of those in command; and we will not cease to pray that the God of the widow and the orphan may have them in his constant and holy keeping.

The authority of our civil institutions has been generally established throughout the land, and the Constitution asserts its supremacy over the whole country, while our national commerce sets out on a new career of prosperity and enlargement, in all its grand and comprehensive features. Our glorious banner, without the loss of a single star, is still floating in triumph over our own soil, while it is honored and respected abroad by all the nations of the civilized world; and we rejoice that to the heralds of the cross there is a door opened, through which they may enter and proclaim a full, free and perfect salvation to the whole human family. But while we rejoice in the improved and happy condition of our nation and government, we can not but feel the poignant grief which has touched the heart of our people at the untimely death of him who was a tower of strength to our cause in its darkest hours, embodying in his character, as did our beloved and lamented President, all the great and cardinal virtues which exalt and adorn the nature of man.

In closing we offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st, That we acknowledge the hand of the God of our fathers in controlling the destinies of our nation thus far on her stormy path to the goal of prosperity and peace.

Resolved, 2d, That we shall always esteem it a duty enjoined upon us by our holy religion, to pray for our rulers, that they may be men of virtue and wisdom, adorning by their lives the high and responsible positions which they fill.

J. L. IRWIN, *Chairman.*

Morgantown, March 24th, 1866.

Report of the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Education report on the various interests submitted to them as follows:

1. ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Your Committee are happy to learn that this institution, which has long been under the patronage of the Pittsburgh, Erie and West

Virginia Conferences, continues in a healthy and prosperous condition. The past year has been marked with progress in the increased number of students and instructors, and in the greatly increased facilities of instruction, in cabinet and philosophical apparatus, as also in the endowment fund, and in provision for the accommodation of students; the large benefactions which have been recently made to the College by liberal and noble minded friends of education in general, and of the College in particular. Such distinguished acts of liberality as the College has of late been made the object of, are deserving of the highest commendation of the Church, and of all enlightened minds. The men who are thus so liberally devoting their wealth to the cause of education, should be remembered by the Conference and the Church in their prayers. The Church and the country owe them a debt of gratitude. The present generation is under an obligation to them, and coming generations will probably more highly appreciate their benefactions. God bless them in their deeds of benevolence. Your Committee are also highly gratified to learn that the authorities and friends of the College are proposing to make a vigorous effort, during this centenary year of Methodism, to place the College in a position to fully and efficiently discharge its duties to the Church and the country, in the coming hundred years. It is to be hoped that our friends in the Conference, upon whom Providence has liberally bestowed this world's goods, while not forgetful of the great connectional objects set before the Church, nor of the local objects within our own territory, will, in the enlarged benevolence of their hearts, also remember the claims which Allegheny College has upon us as one of the patronizing Conferences.

We offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That A. Martin and G. Martin, of this Conference, Hon. C. D. Hubbard of Wheeling, and G. M. Hagans, Esq., of Morgantown, be and are hereby appointed to represent the Conference in the Board of Control for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That M. Tichenel, A. Martin, A. J. Lyda and S. Steele, of this Conference, Hon. W. T. Willey, of Morgantown, H. K. List, Esq., of Wheeling, Hon. N. Goff, of Clarksburg, and G. Reed, Esq., of Fairmont, be requested to act as the visiting committee, and to attend the semi-centennial anniversary of the College, during the last week in June.

2. MORGANTOWN FEMALE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

This institution deserves, and should receive the tender, fostering care of the Conference. A vigorous effort now would probably place it in a position in which it would be able not only to sustain itself, but also to render highly important service to the cause of God, and the mental culture of the community generally.

We present the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in conformity with the report of the Board of Trustees, we recommend the appointment of G. W. Arnold, of this Conference, as the Principal of the institution; and also that Broth-

er Arnold be authorized to act as agent to collect money for the liquidation of the debt of the Institute.

Resolved, That our friends, especially in this region of country, be requested to rally around the Institute, make it an object of their benevolence, and place it at once out of all financial embarrassment.

Resolved, That we will use our efforts as members of this Conference to increase the patronage of the Institute.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elder of Morgantown District, and the Preacher in charge of Morgantown Station, be appointed a visiting committee for the year.

Resolved, That the President of the Board of Trustees, Hon. W. T. Willey, be requested to assist in raising funds for the Institute.

3. NORTH WESTERN VIRGINIA ACADEMY.

The Committee is without any formal report or other document from this institution; but they are informed that the building, which was used for military purposes during the war, has been put in complete repair by the Government, and is now, or soon will be, restored to the Trustees for its original purpose. The Board of Trustees, from lapse of time and other causes, has become somewhat disorganized, but it is believed that a legal quorum still exists, and may be gotten together for the transaction of business. It is highly important that a meeting should be had as soon as practicable, to fill up the board and resuscitate the institution. The nomination of a certain portion of the board, according to the charter, rests with the Conference. The Committee therefore recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st, That the President of the Western Virginia Educational Society is hereby appointed to notify the members of the board, and secure a meeting, if possible, as early as the 1st of May.

Resolved, 2d, That the Presiding Elder of the Clarksburg District, the Preachers in charge of Clarksburg and Fairmont Stations, Moses Tichenel and Alex. Martin be a Committee to act in behalf of this Conference to nominate for the vacancies in the Board of Trustees, and that they are hereby appointed for that purpose.

Resolved, 3d, That they be authorized to counsel with and assist the board in reorganizing the institution, and putting it in operation at the earliest day practicable.

Resolved, 4th, That any necessary traveling expenses of the Trustees in attending the above contemplated meeting, shall be paid out of the proceeds of the West Virginia educational fund, and the treasurer of said fund is hereby authorized to pay them.

4. WHEELING FEMALE COLLEGE.

According to a paper received from the President of this institution, the Methodist Episcopal Church has a joint interest in it, in connection with several other bodies of Protestant Christians. We have reason to believe that the institution is well conducted,

and highly deserving of public patronage, and we commend it to the favorable attention of our friends, especially in that part of our Conference having more intimate geographical relations with Wheeling.

In conformity with the request of the President of the institution that a visiting committee be appointed,

Resolved, That the Preachers in charge of Fourth Street and Chapline Street Stations, and the Presiding Elder of the Wheeling District, be that Committee.

Resolved, That this Conference returns its thanks to the President of the Wheeling Female College, for his generous offer made to our Preachers, in respect to the free tuition of their daughters in the English branches.

5 THE PROPOSED INSTITUTION AT ASHLAND, KY.

Certain papers have been referred to your Committee, representing that a very valuable property in Ashland, Kentucky, is offered for sale on favorable terms, for an institution of learning of high grade; that the building is well adapted to the purpose, is in a locality greatly needing such an institution, and where it would probably receive an extensive patronage; that this proposition has been presented to the Kentucky Conference, from which it received a favorable response, that Conference appointing a Committee to act in concert with a similar Committee from this Conference, and from the Ohio Conference, which is also expected to participate in the undertaking.

Your Committee are of opinion that this enterprise deserves serious consideration. They do not think that the Conference, at this stage of the matter, should assume any pecuniary responsibility, or lay themselves liable to be involved in any. It has come to be pretty well understood in our older Conferences, that the citizens of any city, town or village desiring a denominational literary institution in their midst, should from among themselves, or at least by their own effort, raise the money necessary for the ground and buildings, inasmuch as a good literary institution, located in any community, soon pays in kind all that is thus invested. By those who understand this matter it is considered a good and safe financial operation. A successful literary institution will so enhance the value of property and increase the business of an ordinary town and surrounding community, as to abundantly repay in dollars and cents all that is thus expended, to say nothing of the literary and moral advantages afforded. If, therefore, the inhabitants of Ashland and the surrounding country on both sides of the river, will among themselves purchase and pay for this property, and tender it to the Conferences above spoken of, it is the opinion of your Committee that the Conference should heartily enter into the project, in connection with the Ohio and Kentucky Conferences, and render all possible encouragement and aid in initiating and carrying forward the good work.

The Committee are further of the opinion that the brethren in this enterprise should not attempt too much at first. It is their

judgment that an academic institution of a high grade, especially if what is called a mixed school, embracing both sexes, be attempted, might be a great success; but they would be doubtful of the result if a College or University should be attempted.

Resolved, That Alex. Martin and the Presiding Elders of the Guyandotte and Charleston Districts, be a Committee to confer with Committees appointed by other Conferences, and with the brethren and friends at Ashland; provided that nothing is done to involve the Conference in pecuniary liabilities, without the direct action of the Conference.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

W. HUNTER, *Chairman*.

Report of the Centenary Committee.

The Committee on the Centenary Address present the following report:

American Methodism, which will complete the first century of its history the present year, though humble in its origin, has nevertheless been great and glorious in its results. Like leaven hid in the meal, it has ever been diffusive in its character, disseminating itself throughout the length and breadth of our great and growing Republic, until it has become an acknowledged power in the land for good. Thus, in view of the numerical strength and efficient workings of our beloved Methodism, the immortal Lincoln, in his letter to the last General Conference, said, "It is no fault of others that the Methodist Church sends more soldiers to the field, more nurses to the hospitals, and more prayers to Heaven than any other;" then adding with emphasis, "God bless the Methodist Church; bless all the Churches; and blessed be God, who, in this our great trial, giveth us the Churches."

In view of what American Methodism has accomplished under the blessing of God, the many thousands saved through its instrumentalities, the happy influences it is exerting for good in the land and the evangelization of the world, it has been thought proper and right that the closing period of this first centenary should be observed with special solemnities and pious offerings, as a humble acknowledgement of our devout gratitude to our Divine Master.

Accordingly the last General Conference resolved as follows:

"The Centenary of Methodism in America shall be celebrated by all our Churches and people with devout thanksgiving, by special religious services and liberal thank offerings."

We therefore present for your consideration and adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st, That next to the blessing of God in the spiritual enlargement of the Church, the establishment of a Conference Educational Fund is the most immediate and pressing want of our Church in West Virginia.

2d, That in our opinion the Church within our bounds during the present year, may and ought to raise at least \$100,000, as a financial basis for the advanced education of the youth of our families and friends.

3d, That subscription books be procured from New York in sufficient numbers for the preachers to supply all the circuits, stations and societies; and that they be carefully preserved, and at the next session of our Conference, all the accounts, whether more or less, subscribed and paid, with the names and residence of the several donors, be transferred into a permanent record, to embrace also whatever donations and bequests may be subsequently made for the same object.

4th, That we earnestly exhort our people, and especially our brethren in the ministry, that whatever other enterprises they may have on hand, to continue to give the necessary attention to this matter from this to the close of the centenary year, so as to secure at least something from all our members and friends, hoping that while the rich will give according to their ability, the less favored in point of worldly goods will feel that their contributions, though not so large, are none the less acceptable and necessary, and that the aggregate may constitute a fitting monument of our gratitude to God for his great goodness to us, and a tower of strength for his cause in the future.

5th, That the Presiding Elders be and they are hereby instructed to appoint, by a vote of a majority of the first Quarterly Conference of each charge, a committee of not less than five, to be called the Centenary Committee, of whom the Preacher in charge shall be Chairman, whose duty it shall be to procure and circulate centenary intelligence, to procure speakers and hold or cause to be held centenary meetings, to procure subscriptions and donations, and secure as far as possible the great ends of the centenary celebration.

6th, That the amount raised by each Preacher from his charge be reported at the Annual Conference, at the same time he reports his missionary contributions, and the whole be published in the annual minutes.

Report of the Agent on the Pumphrey Will Case.

The Agent appointed at our last Annual Conference to receive the donation to the Methodist Episcopal Church by Nimrod Pumphrey, deceased, would state that the estate was not disbursed as was anticipated, there being some legal disability. Judge Polsey, the administrator of said estate, stated, on our leaving for Conference, that the matter would be settled soon, the disability being removed.

[Signed.]

D. H. K. Dix.

Morgantown, March 25th, 1866.

The report was accepted, and Brother Dix continued as the Agent of the Conference.

Report of the Committee on Temperance.

The Committee to whom was referred the cause of temperance submit the following report:

WHEREAS, Intemperance, or the use of ardent spirits as a beverage, is acknowledged to be one of the most prevalent and fearful sins of the day, entailing misery and woe upon the innocent and helpless, and sending annually thousands of our citizens to the "*Drunkard's Grave*," and to eternal perdition; and whereas, in the judgment of your Committee, the evil is largely on the increase in our beloved country; therefore

Resolved, That, as a Church, this subject *imperatively* demands at our hands the most *earnest* and *persevering* efforts to stay the tide of iniquity and dry up this source of misery.

Resolved, That as Christian ministers, we will not only preach on the subject of temperance (as required by the discipline), but that we will, by every legitimate means, endeavor to arouse the Church and the country to a realization of the magnitude of this great evil.

Resolved, That we heartily approve the sentiments expressed in the address of the members of Union Lodge No. 2, Independent Order of Good Templars, and we pledge to them, and all other organizations whose object is the advancement of the cause of temperance, our earnest sympathy and hearty coöperation.

Resolved, That Rev. A. B. Rohrabough be appointed a Committee to draft a memorial to the next Legislature of West Virginia, asking for the passage of a law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of ardent spirits, to be used as a beverage, and that said Committee be instructed to secure the printing of said memorial in a sufficient number to supply every member of the Conference, and every supply within the bounds of West Virginia, with at least two copies.

Resolved, That every minister within the bounds of West Virginia be earnestly requested to circulate these memorials in his field of labor at as early a day as convenient, and obtain all the names possible, and forward the same to the Presiding Elder of Wheeling District, to be placed in the hands of some efficient member of the Legislature at the commencement of the session.

Respectfully submitted, R. M. WALLACE, *Chairman*.
Morgantown, W. Va., March 24th, 1866.

Report on Periodicals.

The Committee are happy to learn that the *Pittsburg Christian Advocate* is meeting with great success. Our people are much pleased with its new garb, and have swelled its subscription list to twelve thousand. During the war the mails in many portions of our Conference were much interrupted, causing the circulation of the paper to fall off very much; but now, the mails being gener-

ally reestablished, our religious periodicals can be circulated freely in all our bounds, and, thank God, without opposition.

We are also happy to be able to report that all our periodicals are in a prosperous condition.

We offer for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st, That we, as the agents of the *Pittsburg Christian Advocate*, will make due efforts to place it in our families, believing the time has come when it should be circulated more extensively among us, especially in that portion of our Conference from which it has so long been excluded.

Resolved, 2d, That while we regard it as our Conference organ, we will attend to the interests of our periodicals generally, especially the claims of the *Ladies' Repository*, the *Sunday School Advocate*, and the *Sunday School Teachers' Journal*.

[Signed.]

D. H. K. DIX, *Chairman*.

Morgantown, March 25th, 1866.

Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools.

Your Committee rejoice to be able to report the Sunday School cause to be in a very prosperous condition. There has been a large increase in every department of our Sunday School enterprise. Increase of schools over last year, 34; officers, 487; scholars, 1,941; volumes in library, 4,520; Bible classes, 104; infant classes, 319. We have expended for the benefit of the schools \$957.75 more than we did the previous year, have raised more money for the Sunday School Union, and in fact we are in the advance in every particular.

We look upon the Sunday School enterprise as being an engine of great power among the people for filling up the ranks of the Church. We therefore recommend to our brethren of the West Virginia Conference, that we be more diligent during the coming year, so that the success may be more glorious in the future than it has been in the past.

E. W. RYAN, *Chairman*.

Morgantown, March 26th, 1866.

Report of the Committee on Memoirs.

Rev. Paul Vandervort was born in Monongalia County, Virginia, June 19th, 1828; embraced religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1848, and entered the traveling connection in the Western Virginia Conference in June, 1855. He served the Church faithfully on seven different circuits, and on the 26th of August, 1865, in the thirty-eighth year of his age and in the eleventh of his itinerant ministry, he died at Jollytown, Greene County, Pa.

Brother Vandervort was a good man. From the time of his conversion he exemplified the graces of Christianity by holy living. He was kind, courteous and honorable in his deportment, calm and firm in his purposes, steadfast in his friendship, and cheer-

ful in his intercourse with others. These qualities, linked with his plain, practical preaching and fervent zeal, made him one of our most successful ministers, and gave him promise of much usefulness in the Church of God. But how mysterious the ways of Divine Providence, and how delusive are our earthly prospects! In the prime of his life, and while he was attending to the duties of an effective preacher on the Blacksville Circuit, he was suddenly prostrated by dysentery, and in two weeks sank into the grave.

Thus has fallen our brother and co-laborer in the Vineyard of the Lord. But he had "kept the faith" and was ready "for his departure." On his dying bed he added the clearest and strongest dying testimony to his living professions of eighteen years, that he was a child of God and heir of Heaven.

In a message to his Presiding Elder, a few hours before his death, he sent an affectionate "*farewell*" to his brethren in the ministry, and added: "The Grace of God sustains me in a dying hour. I expect to lay down the cross and take up the crown."

JOS. B. FEATHER, *Chairman.*

Morgantown, March 26th, 1866.

Bible Report.

The Committee to whom the interests of the American Bible Society have been referred, regret the fact that they are not prepared to furnish the Conference with a synopsis of the workings of this institution, and the amounts paid by the several charges in the West Virginia Conference, in consequence of the imperfect reports presented by many, and the failure of others to report at all. We also regret the fact that the officers of the American Bible Society in charge of the publishing interests, have not furnished the Conference with any information in regard to the number of books published, donated or on hand, &c. Nevertheless, we deeply sympathize with the interests of the Society, and pledge a hearty coöperation with the agents of the Society who may be appointed to labor among us. We further recommend that Bishop Clark assign Brother T. H. Monroe to the Bible Agency for the ensuing year

C. King, *Chairman.*

Morgantown, March 26th 1866.

Report on the Tract Cause.

The Committee on the Tract Cause report as follows:

By referring to the printed circular of the Society, it will be seen that the tract cause has done and is still doing a vast amount of good in the Church and throughout the world.

We regard this cause as one of the great agencies by which we reach the hearts of the people; and often by its agency, when prayers and tears fail, sinners are awakened and by its silent influence are brought into the fold of Christ.

But do we as a Conference use this great agency as fully as we ought? We have a membership of about fifteen thousand, and yet we have only raised the sum of \$30.90 for this cause during the past year, being \$50.00 less than was contributed last year. This is not as it should be. Let us press this subject home upon the hearts of the people until they feel an interest in it, and we will soon be able to put one hundred millions of pages of tracts, and one hundred thousand copies of the *Good News*, (which is our standard of success,) into circulation annually. May God so stimulate the people that they may "have a mind to work."

D. COOL, *Chairman.*

Morgantown, March 26th, 1866.

Report of the Committee on Tobacco.

The Committee on Tobacco respectfully report that in their judgment the time has arrived when this Conference, and all similar bodies, should turn their attention to the growing evil of the use of tobacco. We doubtless all agree that while excuse may be alleged for its use by older persons, whose habits have been so formed that it would be difficult for them to abandon it, there can no good reason be assigned for its use by the young; therefore

Resolved, That this Conference ardently desires to see the use of Tobacco abandoned by all our people who indulge in it.

Resolved, That our young brethren in the ministry who do not use it be advised not to form the habit, and those who are using it and who have not yet become enslaved by the habit, be kindly requested to abandon it.

Resolved, That we will exert our influence among our friends, as far as practicable, to have its use discontinued.

T. H. MONROE, *Chairman.*

Morgantown, March 26th, 1866.

Report in the Case of M. Allen.

The Court to which was committed for trial the case of M. Allen, against whom certain charges were preferred, report that no testimony was adduced before them to sustain the charges and specifications.

T. H. TRAINER, *Pres.*

Morgantown, March 26th, 1866.

J. W. WEBB, *Sec.*

Report in the Case of H. C. Sanford.

The Committee on the case of H. C. Sanford report the following as the principal facts: Brother Sanford, on leaving his circuit of last year, in arranging the Church records, entered opposite the name of a member the words, "Said to be dreadfully backslidden." This entry has been made (on part of said member) the basis of a charge of *slander* and *maladministration*.

Your Committee, without intending to endorse the propriety of said entry on the record, but believing it to have been made innocently and with no evil purposes, judge that it is not of a character to justify the charges which have been based upon it. They therefore recommend that the charges be not entertained, and that Brother Sanford's character pass.

W. HUNTER, *Chairman*.

Morgantown, March 23d, 1866.

Report in the Case of G. W. Arnold.

The Committee to whom the case of Rev. G. W. Arnold was referred, have had the case under consideration, and beg leave to present the following as their report :

That there is no cause of action, the whole case growing out of a misunderstanding on the part of the complainant.

J. L. IRWIN, *Chairman*.

Morgantown, March 22d, 1866.

Report in the Case of A. Stevens.

The Committee to whom was referred the case of Brother A. Stevens, report that while we can not justify the course he has pursued as proper and right, yet under the circumstances in which he was placed we do not believe that it would be just to pass a censure upon him. We therefore present the following resolution :

Resolved, That Brother A. Stevens' character pass, and that he be granted a supernumerary relation, without an appointment, at his own request.

M. TICHENEL, *Chairman*.

Morgantown. March 26th, 1866.

Report in the Case of A. J. Lyon.

The Committee to whom was referred the case of Rev. A. J. Lyon, formerly Chaplain in the 11th Regiment West Virginia Infantry, submit the following report :

WHEREAS, Rev. A. J. Lyon was dismissed from the service of the United States on a charge of absence without leave and general worthlessness, without any notice or opportunity of defense, and whereas it appears in evidence before your Committee, as contained in the statements of James L. Simpson, Major 11th West Virginia Volunteer Infantry, James E. Kendell, Assistant Surgeon, Jacob Clommer, late Captain Company C, 11th West Virginia Regiment, David Deem, late Captain Company E, same regiment, Rev. G. Martin, Chaplain 15th Regiment West Virginia Volunteer Infantry, and others, that the charge of general worthlessness is wholly without foundation, it appearing that he was faithful in the discharge of all his duties as a Chaplain ;

In reference to the charge of absence without leave, it appears

that Chaplain Lyon was absent without leave from the proper authority, but was acting in good faith, having been sent by the Surgeon General in charge of the United States Hospital at Winchester, Virginia, in charge of the body of Lieutenant William P. Green, of the 14th West Virginia Volunteer Infantry, to West Union, Doddridge County, West Virginia, for interment; therefore

Resolved, That the character of Rev. A. J. Lyon is, in the judgment of this Conference, unimpeachable.

Resolved, That the authorities at Washington be and they are hereby respectfully requested to remove this reproach from his character.

G. MARTIN,
R. H. WALLACE,
T. B. HUGHES,
R. M. WALLACE,
A. J. LYDA.

Morgantown, March 26th, 1866.

Resolutions.

BISHOP CLARK'S OFFICIAL VISIT.

WHEREAS, It is fitting at this, the first official visit of Bishop Clark to our Conference, we should express our appreciation of his services; therefore

Resolved, That we are strongly impressed with the Christian dignity and urbanity which have marked his general intercourse with us; the ability with which he has conducted the business of the Conference, and the evangelical excellence of his pulpit ministration.

Resolved, That whenever, in the order of episcopal visitations, it shall be his lot to return to us, we shall heartily welcome him as our presiding officer.

W. HUNTER,
A. J. LYDA.

ON THE LATE REV. G. BATTELLE, D. D.

Resolved, 1st, That the Editor and Publishers of the *Ladies' Repository*, be respectfully requested to have a portrait of the late Rev. G. Battelle, D. D., engraved, and published in the *Ladies' Repository*, in connection with a memoir of his life.

Resolved, 2d, That Dr. A. Martin be appointed to prepare the said memoir.

F. BALL,
W. HUNTER.

DR. HUNTER'S CENTENARY SERMON.

Resolved, That Dr. Hunter be requested to furnish his centenary sermon for publication in our Conference minutes.

F. BALL.

RESOLUTION ON THE BIBLE AGENCY.

WHEREAS. It is understood that Brother T. H. Monroe expects to resign the agency of the American Bible Society for West Virginia to take work in the Conference, and Brother Monroe agree-

ing with us in opinion that Brother J. L. Irwin is well adapted to the agency;

Resolved, That should Brother Monroe resign the agency, we heartily recommend Brother Irwin to the Bible Society as in our judgment well qualified for the position, and we most cordially recommend his appointment.

J. B. BLAKENEY,
W. HUNTER,
A. MARTIN.

Morgantown, March 26th, 1866.

ON STATISTICS, &c.

Resolved, That each preacher is hereby requested to present his statistics, receipts, collections, &c., at the first call of the several Committees, and a failure to do so shall be a sufficient reason for arresting the passage of his character.

[Signed.] A. HALL, *Ch'n of the Board of Stewards.*

ON THE TIME OF HOLDING OUR CONFERENCE.

Resolved, That we hereby renew our request that the session of our Conference be held not later than the 15th of March.

A. HALL,
J. W. WEBB.

ON DECEASED PREACHERS' WIVES.

WHEREAS, The wives of our deceased ministers are not sufficiently provided for by our Conference; therefore

Resolved, That we will make an effort to raise larger contributions for their support the ensuing year. CHARLES KING.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Resolved, 1st, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to the families who have so kindly entertained us during our present session.

Resolved, 2d, That we also tender our thanks to our sister Churches for their courtesies in opening their Churches for the occupancy of the members of this Conference.

A. HALL,
T. B. HUGHES.

FOR THE SALE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

East Wheeling Church Lot.

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the East Wheeling Church lot ask the privilege of selling the lot now held by them, if deemed advisable, for the purpose of procuring a more eligible situation; therefore

Resolved, by the *West Virginia Annual Conference*, That consent is hereby given, according to the Discipline, providing for such sale, the Quarterly Conference consenting thereto.

South Wheeling Church.

WHEREAS, The Quarterly Conference of South Wheeling Station has given its consent for the sale of the Church property now held by the Station, for the purpose of building on a better site; and now ask the consent of the West Virginia Annual Conference for the sale of said property; therefore

Resolved, by the West Virginia Annual Conference, That consent is hereby given, according to the Discipline, providing for such sale.

A Lot of Ground on Grave Creek Circuit.

WHEREAS, The Quarterly Conference of Grave Creek Circuit has given its consent for the sale of an unoccupied house and lot belonging to the said circuit, and now ask the consent of the West Virginia Annual Conference for the sale of said property; therefore

Resolved, by the West Virginia Annual Conference, That consent is hereby given, according to the Discipline, providing for such sale.

Report of the Committee on Church Extension.

[No. 1.]

The Committee on Church Extension, after expressing their gratitude to the Church Extension Society for the liberal appropriation which they have made to our Conference of \$10,000, recommend its distribution as follows:

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

Rowlesburg, - -	\$350 00	Blacksville, - -	\$150 00
Cranberry Summit, -	100 00	Grafton, - -	400 00
		Total, - -	\$1,000 00

WHEELING DISTRICT.

East Wheeling, -	\$500 00	South Wheeling, -	\$500 00
New Martinsville, -	150 00		
		Total, - -	\$1,150 00

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

Clarksburg, - -	\$2,600 00	Goodtown, 3 Ch's, -	\$300 00
Pleasant Dale, -	100 00	Beverly, - -	500 00
Rush Run, - -	100 00	Buckhannon Station,	100 00
McElroy, - -	100 00	Barracksville, - -	100 00
		Total, - -	\$3,300 00

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

Ravenswood, - -	\$200 00	West Union, - -	\$250 00
Burning Springs, -	100 00	Ripley, - -	100 00
Spencer, - -	250 00	Glenville, - -	250 00
Calhoun, - -	250 00		
		Total, - -	\$1,400 00

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

Pt. Pleasant (the Flats),	\$300 00	Hartford Cit. (the slope)	\$200 00
Buffalo, - - -	400 00	Winfield, - - -	200 00
Malden, - - -	350 00	Pocatalico, - - -	200 00
Mill Creek, - - -	200 00	Charleston, - - -	200 00
Young's Church, - - -	200 00		
		Total, - - -	\$2,250 00

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.

Guyandotte, - - -	\$400 00	Barboursville, - - -	\$500 00
		Total, - - -	\$900 00

RECAPITULATION.

Morgantown Dist.,	\$1,000 00	Charleston District,	\$2,250 00
Wheeling " "	1,150 00	Guyandotte " "	900 00
Clarksburg " "	3,300 00		
Parkersburg " "	1,400 00	Total Appropriation,	\$10,000 00

A. J. LYDA, *President.*JAMES L. CLARK, *Secretary.*

The Committee on Church Extension present the following as their Report No. 2:

WHEREAS, The last General Conference recommended the organization of a Church Extension Society in each Annual Conference; therefore

Resolved, 1st, That J. L. Irwin, G. Martin and J. W. W. Bolton be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare and report to the Conference at its next session, a Constitution for a Church Extension Society.

Resolved, 2d, That the preachers in charge of all our circuits and stations are hereby required to take up collections in all their charges for this enterprise.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer of the West Virginia Conference Missionary Society presents the following report:

Total amount received from Circuits and Stations.....	\$3,955 52
Preachers' Subscriptions and Avails of Anniversary.....	144 90
	\$4,100 42
Less Counterfeit and Uncurrent Fractional Currency.....	5 40
	\$4,095 02
Sent to Cincinnati by Brother Williamson from Charleston Station.....	15 00
	\$4,110 02

The Committee to audit the missionary accounts of the Presiding Elders made no report, as none of the Presiding Elders placed their accounts in the hands of the Committee except the Presiding Elder of the Wheeling District, who presented the certificates of the Recording Stewards of the missions in the bounds of the District as his vouchers for the quarterly payment of the money appropriated.

Steward's Report, No. 1.

QUESTION—What amounts are necessary for the Superannuated Preachers, the widows and orphans of Preachers, and to make up the deficiency of those who have not received their regular allowance from the Circuits?

ANSWER—\$4,883 53.

QUEST.—What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

ANS.—From Circuits and Stations,	-	-	-	\$891 88
From Chartered Fund,	-	-	-	30 00
Total,	-	-	-	\$921 88

Disbursed as follows:

Francis Guthrie,	-	\$200 00	F. H. J. King,	-	\$10 00
Philip Green,	-	100 00	B. Darlington,	-	30 00
Andrew Dixon,	-	150 00	E. B. Blunden,	-	25 00
R. L. Brooks,	-	150 00	R. Hagar,	-	13 00
Widow Battelle,	-	50 00	S. D. Jones,	-	30 00
Widow Patterson,	-	50 00	A. C. Hall,	-	25 33
Widow Burns,	-	50 00	Trunk to file Con. papers,		8 00
L. D. Casto,	-	10 00	Stationery,	-	55
C. Conner,	-	20 00	Total,	-	\$921 88

The Centenary money in the hands of Rev. A. J. Lyda, \$23.50, was given to Widow Vandervort.

A. HALL, *Chairman.*

Steward's Report, No. 2.

The Stewards estimate the amount necessary to meet the claims of the Superannuated Preachers, widows and orphans for the ensuing year at \$2,100, apportioned as follows:

Morgantown District,	\$475 00	Parkersburg District,	\$475 00
Wheeling	625 00	Charleston	100 00
Clarksburg	375 00	Guyandotte	75 00
			\$2,100 00

A. HALL, *Chairman.*

Steward's Report, No. 3.

The following amounts were collected for the Superannuated Preachers, widows, orphans, &c.:

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

Morgantown Station,	\$50 00	Oakland,	- -	\$28 00
" Circuit,	28 80	St. George,	- -	5 25
Monongalia,	- - 6 60	Evansville,	- -	12 00
Brandonville,	- - 7 48	Grafton,	- -	2 50
Grantsville,	- - 8 00	Palatine,	- -	5 21
Kingwood,	- - 46 00	Blacksville,	- -	13 78
				\$213 62

WHEELING DISTRICT.

Wheeling, Fourth St.,	\$157 50	Triadelphia,	-	-	\$15 85
“ Chapline St.,	52 00	Moundsville,	-	-	6 00
“ North Street,	40 00	Mannington,	-	-	11 60
South Wheeling,	- 11 00	Grave Creek,	-	-	20 00
Marshall, - -	- 48 00	West Liberty,	-	-	35 00
New Martinsville, -	- 13 60				
					\$410 55

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

West Milford,	-	-	\$8 00	Buckhannon,	-	-	\$5 60
Weston,	-	-	21 25	Fairmont,	-	-	8 00
Frenchton,	-	-	8 25	Marion,	-	-	10 25
Pruntytown,	-	-	16 00	Lumberport,	-	-	2 70
Phillippi,	-	-	7 28				
							\$87 43

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

Parkersburg Station,	-	\$50	00	West Union,	-	-	35	00	
Elizabeth,	-	-	10	00	Sistersville,	-	-	30	00
Newark,	-	-	10	00	Ellenboro,	-	-	5	00
Williamstown,	-	-	30	00					

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

Pocatalico,	- - \$5 00	Ashland,	- -	\$5 00
				\$10 00

Total, - - - - - \$891 88

A. HALL, Chairman.

Steward's Report, No. 4.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.	CLAIMS.	REC'TS.	DEFICIT.	CON. COL.	TRAV. EX.
MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.						
Morgantown District..	G. W. Arnold.....	950 00	950 00	.....	10 00	.....
Morgantown Station..	B. Ison.....	650 00	650 00	.....	50 00	.....
Morgantown Circuit..	J. M. Powell.....	600 00	570 65	29 35	28 80	.....
Decker's Creek Mis'n.	G. W. Matheny.....	150 00	147 00	3 00	.....	.....
Monongalia.....	J. W. Webb.....	475 00	475 00	.....	6 60	.....
"	C. W. Swartz.....	112 00	112 00	.....	.....	.....
Brandonville.....	W. C. Wilson.....	395 00	395 00	.....	7 48	.....
Grantsville.....	J. B. Feather.....	450 00	450 00	.....	8 00	50 00
Kingwood.....	A. Hall.....	550 00	550 00	.....	46 00	12 00
Oakland.....	M. V. B. White.....	255 00	255 00	.....	28 00	.....
"	R. M. Wallace.....	255 50	255 50	.....	.....	.....
St. George.....	John T. Davis.....	116 00	116 00	.....	5 25	.....
Evansville.....	M. Allen.....	550 00	550 00	.....	12 00	.....
Grafton & Fetterman.	S. King.....	600 00	600 00	.....	2 50	.....
Knottsville.....	J. Sanford.....	400 00	377 00	23 00	.....	.....
Palatine.....	C. Conner.....	530 00	323 07	207 93	5 21	55 00
Blacksville.....	P. Vandervort.....	200 00	200 00	.....	13 78	.....
"	C. H. Conway.....	141 33	141 33	.....	.....	.....
"	R. Laughlin.....	82 66	82 66	.....	.....	.....
Total.....		7461 99	7199 71	263 28	213 62	127 00
WHEELING DISTRICT.						
Wheeling District.....	J. L. Clark.....	900 00	900 00	.....	.....	.....
" Fourth Street.	A. Martin.....	1200 00	1200 00	.....	157 50	.....
" Chapline St..	J. B. Blakeney.....	800 00	800 00	.....	52 00	.....
" North Street.	F. Ball.....	611 92	611 92	.....	40 00	.....
South Wheeling.....	S. Hitchens.....	500 00	500 00	.....	11 00	.....
Marshall.....	T. H. Trainer.....	500 00	500 00	.....	48 00	10 00
"	W. F. Cannan.....	200 00	200 00	.....	.....	.....
Triadelphia.....	M. Tichenell.....	545 95	545 95	.....	15 85	.....
Moundsville.....	T. B. Hughes.....	500 00	500 00	.....	6 00	.....
Lawnington.....	S. Steele.....	250 00	250 00	.....	11 60	.....
Grave Creek.....	J. A. Kibbe.....	600 00	600 00	.....	20 00	.....
West Liberty.....	E. C. Wayman.....	500 00	500 00	.....	35 00	.....
New Martinsville.....	B. F. Rogers.....	600 00	491 67	108 33	13 60	.....
"	G. L. Ndenin.....	100 00	58 69	41 31	.....	.....
Greene.....	No Report.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....		7807 67	7658 23	149 64	410 55	10 00
CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.						
Clarksburg District.....	A. J. Lyda.....	800 00	800 00	.....	.....	.....
" Station.....	E. L. Nicholson.....	610 00	557 25	52 75	.....	.....
West Milford.....	J. M. Warden.....	650 00	636 55	13 45	8 00	.....
Weston.....	S. W. Davis.....	250 00	273 85	.....	21 25	.....
Prenterton.....	T. M. Hartley.....	566 00	482 00	84 00	8 25	.....
Pruntytown.....	R. H. Wallace.....	220 00	197 20	22 80	16 00	.....
"	J. B. Pincheon.....	200 00	180 00	20 00	.....	.....
Phillippi.....	C. King.....	525 00	467 25	57 75	7 28	.....
Buckhannon.....	T. M. Leslie.....	500 00	468 45	31 55	5 60	.....
Upshur.....	D. Cool.....	550 00	300 00	250 00	.....	.....
Fairmont.....	H. C. Sanford.....	500 00	500 00	.....	8 00	.....
Marion.....	R. Northcraft.....	500 00	462 00	38 00	10 25	.....
Lumberport.....	L. D. Casto.....	458 00	244 22	213 78	2 70	.....
Beverly.....	G. Rogers.....	260 00	179 85	80 15	.....	.....
Salen.....	E. Ford.....	450 00	350 50	99 50	.....	.....
Total.....		7039 00	6099 12	963 73	87 33	.....

Steward's Report, No. 4.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.	CLAIMS.	REC'TS.	DEFICIT.	CON. COL.	TRAV. EX.
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.						
Parkersburg District..	A. A. Reger.....	900 00	900 00	.....	.....	.....
“ Station.....	G. W. Richmond....	900 00	900 00	.....	50 00	.....
Elizabeth	W. D. Warman.....	325 00	326 45	.....	10 00	.....
Murrayville.....	D. Truman.....	124 24	124 24	.....	.....	.....
Newark	D. S. Benedum.....	300 00	300 50	.....	10 00	.....
Spencer	E. J. Johnson.....	300 00	209 00	91 00	.....	.....
Williamstown.....	W. L. Hindman.....	450 00	450 00	.....	30 00	49 60
Harrisville.....	J. W. W. Bolton.....	300 00	300 00	.....	.....	.....
West Union	C. H. Lakin.....	410 00	412 08	.....	35 00	.....
Middlebourne.....	A. J. Lyon.....	439 00	439 00	.....	.....	.....
Sistersville	S. E. Steele.....	500 00	500 00	.....	30 00	.....
Glenville.....	J. B. Williamson....	56 00	85 00	.....	.....	.....
Ripley	F. H. J. King.....	425 00	257 58	167 42	.....	.....
Ellenboro.....	V. Sanford.....	550 00	450 00	100 00	5 00	.....
	Total.....	5979 24	5653 85	358 42	170 00	49 00
CHARLESTON DISTRICT.						
Charleston District....	D. H. K. Dix.....	71 00	71 00	.....	.....	.....
“ “	R. A. Arthur.....	693 25	693 25	.....	.....	100 00
“ Station.....	W. E. Williamson....	787 50	787 50	.....	.....	.....
“ Circuit	B. Hagar.....	250 00	21 00	229 00	.....	.....
Malden.....	No report.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pocatalico.....	B. Darlington.....	550 00	278 23	271 77	5 00	.....
Putnam	E. B. Blundon.....	250 00	32 00	218 00	.....	.....
Point Pleasant.....	No report.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ashland.....	H. D. Rice.....	250 00	382 00	.....	5 00	.....
Wayne.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Guyandotte and Cat- lettsburg.....	No report.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coal River.....	R. Hagar.....	450 00	102 25	347 75	.....	.....
Greenupsburg.....	S. D. Jones.....	400 00	179 43	220 57	.....	.....
Summersville.....	A. C. Hall.....	138 50	138 50	.....	.....	.....
	Total	3840 25	2685 16	1287 09	10 00	100 00

The Catholicity of Methodism.

A Discourse Delivered before the West Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church,
at Morgantown, March 25, 1866,

BY WILLIAM HUNTER, D. D.

MOTTO.—I believe * * in the Holy Catholic Church [and] the communion of Saints. APOS. CREED.

TEXTS.—1. For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love. GAL. 5, 6.

2. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but a new creature. GAL. 6, 15.

3. Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing; but the keeping of the commandments of God. 1 COR. 7, 19.

The memorial sermons to be delivered at the several Annual Conferences, in this centenary year, will probably bring into view various features of the general subject, *Methodism*, according to the various tastes, mental habitudes and standing points of their several authors. The word *memorial*, employed by the General Conference, suggests that these discourses shall have a somewhat retrospective character; that they shall dwell upon the facts, features, principles and usages of the past, or whatsoever shall present a distinct image of the Methodism of the past, in any of its characteristics; and it may also very naturally imply a comparison of these with the present. This centenary year, then, is to be a kind of *review* of American Methodism at least, wherein we may appropriately inquire to what extent we still adhere to the principles and customs of our fathers, and how far, and whether for sufficient reasons, we have diverged from them. No one can hope to compass every thing in a single discourse; much less to give to every point a full and elaborate treatment. I have, therefore, selected a somewhat definite and distinct feature of Methodism, which has always been particularly interesting to my own mind, viz: its *broad, scriptural Catholicity of spirit and principle*; especially as it respects the basis of Christian character, and the conditions of Christian fellowship; and purpose, as I may be able, to illustrate it, for the glory of God and the good of our common Christianity.

The basis of religious character and the terms or conditions of religious communion, are subjects, which, from the nature of the case, have engaged the earnest attention of religious minds, in all ages and countries. Every religious brotherhood or body has some essential basis of character, and conditions of recognition and communion, by which it is determined whether or not a man belongs to the brotherhood. Among some religionists, nationality

itself or caste is that basis and condition ; or nationality accompanied by something else, as the acceptance of certain theoretical opinions, or the observance of certain customs, or rites, or both. A Brahmin, for instance, is a Brahmin because he is born of Brahmin parents, in a country of Brahmins, and is educated in the customs and notions of his country and caste. A Mohammedan is a Mohammedan on the same principle and conditions. Nothing more is necessary to make him a Mohammedan, in full faith and fellowship. In moral character and disposition, he may be a good man, or a bad man. But moral character, good or bad, affects not his standing in the Mohammedan faith and fellowship. Bad moral character does not exclude or eject him. A man was a member of the Jewish religious community nearly in the same way. Descent from Israelitish parents, education in the Jewish teachings and ritual, and submission to the national customs and ceremonies, made him a member, in full fellowship, in the Jewish Church. If he was morally a bad man, he might be held in disesteem or abhorrence, by the good; but, except for certain specified acts, he was not excommunicated or disowned. However bad, he still belonged to the Jewish brotherhood, as being either by blood or adoption a member of the nation, and accepting the Jewish rites. Among the Israelites, indeed, the nation and the Church were very much the same thing—to be a member of the one was to be a member of the other, and the Jewish mind seems scarcely to have distinguished between them. The civil and ecclesiastical were so blended, that they were but different functions of the same body. It is true, however, that the better instructions of the Israelites may have taught some of them that he is not, by that fact, a Jew who is one outwardly ; and that they are not all Israelites who are of Israel ; in other words, that so far as acceptance with God is concerned, their simple relationship to the Church and nation would not save them. But these teachings seem not to have taken a very deep hold on the hearts of the masses ; and the general feeling evidently was, that the Jews were beloved for the fathers' sakes, and that because they were the children of Abraham they were pretty certain of salvation. It seems also to have been about as well settled in their minds that all outside the Jewish nation were reprobates, hated of God and beyond the bounds of His mercy.

When we come to Christian communities or Churches, we discover some diversity of sentiment on the fundamental point of what constitutes a member of the great Christian brotherhood. Not that among the professed followers of Christ the importance of moral qualities is ever wholly overlooked or to such extent that man may be thought a good Christian, who is altogether destitute of right moral qualities. But, in some instances, the supreme importance of something else, as a condition, is so prominently protruded, as to seem almost the one thing needful ; so important, indeed, that whatever may be a man's moral and religious qualities of heart and life, he is scarcely admitted to be in a salvable

state unless he measures up, also, to this other standard, by which his relation to Christ and his Church is determined.

One of the things which by some is put, if not in the place of moral qualities, at least made so conspicuous as nearly to overshadow them, is, relation to the Church itself—relation to what is conceived to be the true Church. A certain notion is formed and entertained of what the Church is—a visible, corporate, historical community, with a visible head or governing power. Formal relation to this body is deemed essential to Christian character and salvation. A man who belongs to it is a brother Christian; a man who belongs not to it is a heathen, an infidel, a schismatic or heretic; and as such is out of the reach of, at least, “the covenant mercies of God.” The more charitable, who hold these tenets, may admit that possibly, for those who are outside of this covenant relationship, but who are nevertheless sincere, and by some unknown means pious, God may have some unrevealed, improvised mode of salvation—some plan not exactly laid down in the book, but still possible from the consideration of His character as a Merciful Being. This is what is called salvation by “the uncovenanted mercies of God.” But, however this may sometimes be admitted, such possible subjects of the uncovenanted mercies are not acknowledged as belonging to the common brotherhood. They are outside, and have no part or lot in the matter.

Another form of this notion does not lay quite so much stress on the Church, by itself, as the great condition of salvation, and the basis of Christian brotherhood; at least not on the Church as a visible body, with a visible head, descending in an unbroken, historical line from the Apostles; but upon a certain system of dogmas, which are supposed to give character to the Church, so that there can be no true Church without them; those who hold these dogmas are of the true Church, and those who reject them are not of the true Church. With this class of religionists, what is called orthodoxy of creed is the great essential; so that however good a man may be in his moral and religious character, he is not a brother in Christ, because he believes not in the system of dogmas or doctrines supposed to be essential to the true Church of Christ. Brotherhood or communion is based chiefly on consent to a creed or confession of faith, as it is called. I say *based chiefly* on this, but seldom wholly so; for a part of the creed is the necessity of certain outward forms and ordinances, and compliance with these is often deemed as important as the acceptance of the creed itself. Indeed a man can scarcely be held to have received a creed who does not practice what that creed makes essential. So also in regard to the Church theory; a man must not only believe in the true Church, as the true Church, but he must submit to the teachings of her pastorate or priesthood, and do as the Church bids him. This is involved in the idea of the true, infallible Church, out of which there is no salvation. Hence, also, it follows, sometimes, that when a particular form or ordinance is believed to be essential in the Christian scheme, whether on the

Church theory or the dogma theory, that form or ordinance becomes a kind of test of Christian character, and a term of communion. A man who has submitted to it or conforms to it, is a Christian in full fellowship, and one who has not submitted or conformed to it is shut out from the communion of the faithful and obedient.

Another view of the basis of Christian character, and the conditions or terms of Christian fellowship, is substantially as follows:

The Christian Church proper is held to comprehend all those who believe in and love our Lord Jesus Christ, and who are honestly striving to obey His commands, whatever diversity of belief may exist among them on minor and speculative points of doctrine; and allowing, also, no little freedom of thought on matters confessedly of great importance. According to this view it is implied, as a matter of course, that to be a Christian—a brother in Christ—a man must believe in Christ as the Son of God, the Saviour of the world, the Mediator between God and man, the great Teacher of the world, the Atoner for our sins, and the Head of the Church, or the Ruler in the Christian dispensation. These are cardinal, distinguishing and necessary points in Christianity, and must be received in order to brotherhood in Christ. One might possibly be a good man, morally, and be a heathen, or a Mohammedan, or an unbeliever of any kind. There have been such—just, humane, benevolent—possessed of high and noble sentiments, which even a Christian might do well to imitate. But however good such a man might be, he could not be considered or treated as a *Christian brother*, simply because he is not such. Right Christian feeling and principle would dictate a very high esteem for such a one, because of the excellency of his moral qualities, but it would not require that he be recognized as a *brother in Christ*, which he is not; for Christianity enjoins the most transparent truth in word and deed. A reception, therefore, of the fundamental facts and truths of the New Testament is absolutely essential to Christian character and Christian brotherhood. These great truths concerning the person and character of Christ being once received by the mind, constitute the basis of every thing else that is needed. Receiving Christ as our Teacher, we learn of Him, *i. e.* of his word, what is required of us—what we are to be and what we are to do. Receiving him as our atoner and mediator with God, we look to Him and through Him for pardon and sanctification. Receiving Him as our Ruler or King, we submit to His authority, and seek both to know and to do His will.

Here, then, is a broad Catholic basis for Christian fellowship, embracing all those who heartily believe in, sincerely love, and willingly obey our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the broad platform which I understand Methodism to occupy, in respect to the basis of Christian character and the terms of Christian communion. As a Methodist, I hold myself ready, warranted and required to give the right hand of fellow-

ship to every man who meets me with these characteristics, whether he believe less or more than I do, on other and subordinate points of doctrine. He may believe in the infallibility of the Pope, in transubstantiation, in the Holy Roman Catholic Church, in the immaculate conception and the worship of the Blessed Virgin; and may add to all these articles of his faith besides, that I am a miserable heretic; I believe in none of these things; but for all that, if I believe him to be sincerely pious, loving Christ and serving him according to the best of his light and knowledge, I could receive him as a Christian brother, though he could not receive me. Herein I have the advantage of him. I claim to be more Catholic than he is. My Church stands upon a broader platform than his, embracing *all* that are good in his, and *all* that are good out of his; whereas *his* only embraces those who are in his own Church, good and bad alike.

Again, as a Methodist, I meet another good man, who does not, indeed, believe in the infallibility of the Church of Rome, nor that she contains all the Christianity in the world; yet he believes most firmly in a regular succession of Bishops, through the Church of Rome, or at least some other Church claiming historical succession from the Apostles; his creed is no Bishop, no Church; he believes, also, in three orders of the ministry as of divine requirement. I receive none of these things; but, seeing him in the graces and virtues of the Christian, the evidences that he has that faith which works by love, that he is a new creature and is keeping the commandments of God, I hold out my hand to him. Perhaps he may doubt my right of calling him *brother*, inasmuch as, according to his understanding of the matter, I am not in "*the Church*." Nevertheless, I am not straitened or restricted (as the Apostle speaks in a certain place) because he is. I think I have the advantage of *him*, also.

Once more, by way of illustration: I meet still another good man. He believes neither in Popes nor Bishops, only as he interprets Bishops to mean pastors of Churches, and I do not quarrel with him for that; but in his reading and education he has come to regard a certain Christian ordinance, performed in a certain definite way, to be essential to Church membership and fellowship. So he reads the New Testament, and honestly believes I do not so read and do not so believe; and whether he can admit me to commune with him in his Church or not, I can admit him to commune with me in mine. I think I have a little the advantage of this man, also, in the breadth and Catholicity of my Christian basis. Yet I condemn him not, nor the others. To their own master they stand or fall. I give them credit as I may for honesty and Christian sincerity; otherwise I could not receive them for brethren in the Lord, as I do. For, although I may suppose myself to have attained to a fuller, clearer, broader view of the Christian scheme than either of them, yet I am not infallible, and, for all I know, either of them may be a better Christian, *i. e.* a more holy, more devout, more obedient man than I am

and according to my theory, in these things consist the very essence of Christianity.

In support of this position, viz : that the essence of Christianity consists in moral qualities of heart and life, and not in Church relations, creeds or forms, I adduce the passages of Scripture set at the head of this discourse. The first two are taken from the Epistle to the Galatians, in which document the Apostle maintains the true character of the Gospel, in opposition to the Judaizing teachers, who held the validity and necessity of certain Jewish ordinances in order to justification, who indeed regarded the Gospel as only a kind of supplement and complement to Judaism, leaving the old institution intact and of full force. He who reads this epistle carefully will see the drift, spirit and bearing of the Apostle's thoughts. He brushes aside unceremoniously every thing that stands in the way of his grand fundamental principle, justification by faith. But that it may not be inferred that the faith which he magnifies is a merely intellectual assent to the facts and truths of the Gospel, he qualifies it as the faith which worketh by love; or as Mr. Wesley paraphrases it, faith filled with the energy of love. The three passages selected are substantially the same. The sentiment uttered is one, and the repetition of it in the same epistle, and also in another, marks it with emphasis as a cardinal and fundamental principle. Other things may be wanting, and more or less of Christianity remain, enough, indeed, to sanctify and save. But this wanting, Christianity itself is gone. Its very essence has departed. According to Bloomfield, "the full sense of these passages is, a new creature, moral regeneration, is *every thing*, all in all, *the substance of the Gospel*." And the sentiment of these passages is in accordance with the New Testament throughout.

While the sentiment of these three texts is the same, and the greater part of the language identical, there is nevertheless an interesting and edifying variety of diction, to which we do well to take heed :

In Christ Jesus—that is, under the Gospel dispensation, or according to the tenor of the Christian covenant; *neither circumcision*—that is, the old Mosaic institution, of which circumcision was the initiatory rite, with the most punctual observance of the old law; *nor uncircumcision*—that is, any thing else as a form of religion, even though joined with the most exact heathen morality; *availeth any thing in itself*—to salvation. Now comes a variation in the phraseology of the three passages. The first text says, "but faith, which worketh by love;" the second, "but a new creature," or new creation; the third, "but the keeping of the commandments of God." These three terms, then, express the essentials of Christianity. They are not designated as simply important. Many other things are important. These are indispensable. They are not so merely for one time, or one people, or one set of circumstances; but under the whole dispensation of grace by Jesus Christ, for all times and all nations.

Now, let us see whether these terms are concordant, one with the other; whether they cover the same ground and imply and embrace each other.

First text—*Faith which worketh by love*—Whatever difficulty there may be here in catching the exact thought of the Apostle, as to the relations of faith and love to each other, one thing is certain, that this term embraces both faith and love in the heart; co-existent, co-operative, co-essential. We are taught elsewhere that faith without works is dead. So faith without love is dead! Christian love can not exist without Christian faith. These two elements must, therefore, enter into the character and experience and life in order to work out, as a result, the Christian.

Second text—*But a new creature, or new creation*—This is concordant with the first term; is, we may say, a different expression of the same thing, differently viewed or from another stand point. In the first text the faith and love in the heart are conceived of as simple elements of moral character, without bringing into view their cause or origin. But they imply a change of moral character, either preceding them, or resulting from them, or consisting in them; for man by nature neither believes God nor loves him. So the Apostle teaches elsewhere. Whence, then, comes this great moral change? It is of God, who renews us—who *creates us anew*. This thought the Apostle brings out more fully in 2d Cor. 5; 17, 18: Therefore, if any man be in Christ Jesus, he is a new creature; old things (the old character) is passed away; behold all things are become new; and all these things *are of God*, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ. The term new creature, therefore, in the second text, recognizes the same moral qualities as the terms faith and love in the first; but recognizes also the cause or source from whence they proceed. All these things *are of God*, who created man at the first, and now creates him anew, in Christ Jesus, purifying his heart by faith.

Third text—*But the keeping of the commandments of God*—How beautifully all these passages harmonize! Created anew in Christ Jesus, unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them! The final cause of the new creation is good works, all right action. The object for which men are renewed is, that they may live in righteousness and true holiness. The moral qualities wrought in the soul by the Spirit of God, produce obedience to the commandments of God. Taking this word *commandments* in its largest sense, as it ought to be taken here, it includes all obedience, inward and outward; conformity to God's law or will; all holy tempers, dispositions and principles, as well as all holy outward actions. In these consist the substance and essence of Christianity. The end—object—of the commandment or Gospel mission is charity—love out of a pure heart; and a good conscience and faith unfeigned. 1 Tim. See, in this passage again, how these elements of Christian character commingle and harmonize: Faith, true faith; love, pure hearted love; a good con-

science, which implies obedience, for without this there can be no good conscience.

This, as we Methodists understand, is the basis of Christian character and fellowship; and we hold ourselves ready to meet all Christian men on this broad platform, and to give them the right hand of fellowship. We require them not to join our society or Church, to subscribe to our particular creed, to worship the Father in our particular manner; the simple question is, do they believe in and love our Lord Jesus Christ and willingly submit themselves to his commandments, as they themselves understand them. If, indeed, they wish to join our Church, we expect them to conform to our particular rules, as is fitting and proper. But these rules, those by which, in the main, we outwardly differ from other Christians, though we have adopted them for ourselves because we think them to be scriptural or expedient and useful for the upholding of the Church, for growth in grace, for the promotion of outward and inward holiness; yet we make them not a term of communion with other Christian men, nor require them as a condition of fellowship to submit to our Church order or our particular creed or articles of faith, further than the reception of the great fundamental truths of which I have spoken, and which, by the admission of all, constitute the historical basis itself of our common Christianity.

That this presentation of our views on the basis of Christian character and the terms of Christian fellowship is no novelty, trumped up for the glorification of Methodism in this Centenary year, but genuine, old fashioned doctrine, permit me to quote, in proof, from Mr. Wesley's sermon on a "Catholic spirit." His text is 2 king, 10, 15, the substance of which is, If thy heart be right, as my heart is, give me thine hand.

After describing the character of a Christian in fundamental points of faith, in Godly tempers, in Christian graces, and in works of piety and love, in which, let it be confessed, he raises the standard sufficiently high, so that one might despair of ever getting into fellowship with him, if he had to come up to this standard, observe, now, how he qualifies it: "If thou art thus minded, * * * yea, if thou art but sincerely desirous of it, and following on till thou attain, then thy heart is right, as my heart is; * * * Give me thine hand. I do not mean, be of my opinion. You need not; I do not expect or desire it. Neither do I mean, I will be of your opinion. I can not; it does not depend on my choice. I can no more think than I can see and hear as I will. Keep your opinion; I mine, and that as steadily as ever. You need not even endeavor to come over to me, nor bring me over to you. I do not desire you to dispute those points, or to hear or speak one word concerning them. Let all opinions alone, on one side and the other, only give me thine hand.

I do not mean, embrace my modes of worship, or I will embrace yours. This is also a thing which does not depend either on your choice or mine. We must both act as each is fully per-

suaded in his own mind. Hold you fast that which you believe is most acceptable to God, and I will do the same. I believe the Episcopal form of Church government to be Scriptural and Apostolical. If you think the Presbyterian, or Independent, is better, think so still, and act accordingly. I believe infants ought to be baptized, and that this may be done either by dipping or sprinkling. If you are otherwise persuaded, be so still, and follow your persuasion. It appears to me that forms of prayer are of excellent use, particularly in the great congregation. If you judge extemporary prayer to be of more use, act suitably to your own judgment. My sentiment is, that I ought not to forbid water, wherein persons may be baptized; and that I ought to eat bread and drink wine as a memorial of my dying Master. However, if you are not convinced of this, act according to the light you have. I have no desire to dispute with you one moment on any of these heads. Let all these smaller points stand aside. Let them never come into sight. If thy heart is as my heart, if thou lovest God and all mankind, I ask no more; give me thine hand."

Noble Christian words! I would thank God for them, coming from any source; but especially that he put them into the heart and mouth of the founder of Methodism.

Concerning the terms and conditions of membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, although I may be treading on delicate ground, and be in danger of scandalizing some of my own religious community, I will say that until a very recent period it was not required by the discipline, in order to membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, that a man make any profession of a specific creed at all; and further, that in a great part of the Church, much as Methodism makes of regeneration, the new birth, or a change of heart, it was not a condition of membership that a man be able to make a profession of such a change. All that was required was, that he be honestly and earnestly seeking it, and that his conduct bear testimony to the fact. More recently, however, in some sections of the country, a man, in order to be admitted to membership, must make a public profession, both of his agreement with the creed of the Church, and of the consciousness of his own acceptance with God. And a man who could not do so, would, according to the notions of some administrators, be kept out, however strong might be his desire to flee the wrath to come and to be saved from his sins. I do not now and here moot the question whether this is right or wrong, scripturally considered, in a direct way, but simply whether it is not somewhat of a departure from the old and primitive ways of Methodism.

There is conclusive evidence, which any one may easily find in abundance by consulting Mr. Wesley's works, that this matter of not requiring a profession of a particular creed, or even of a change of heart, was not an oversight with him, but one to which he had given deliberate and careful thought; which was the subject of discussion in his Conferences, and was adopted and settled by him

as the scriptural basis of a true Evangelical society or Church; moreover, that it was one in which he gloried no little, often referring to it as a striking and honorable characteristic of Methodism.

A few passages out of many, which I find conveniently arranged to my hand in that excellent work, Stevens' Centenary Volume, may be given as indicating the drift of Mr. Wesley's thoughts on this point:

"I have remarked," says Stevens, "on the striking fact that Wesley did not insert in the theological articles of American Methodism, the tenets which are deemed most distinctively Wesleyan, and which have unquestionably been a chief source of vitality to the denomination; but a still more singular fact remains to be noticed, viz: that he makes no theological opinions requisite for membership in the Church, and recognizes no creed but the universal symbol of the early Church, the Apostles' creed, and this only in the administration of baptism. Of few things connected with Methodism does Mr. Wesley speak oftener, or with more devout gratulation, than of its Catholicity. One circumstance, he says, is quite peculiar to the people called Methodists: that is, the terms upon which any person may be admitted into their society. They do not impose, in order to their admission, any opinions whatever. Let them hold particular or general redemption, absolute or conditional decrees. * * * They think and let think. One condition and one only is required, a real desire to save their souls. Where this is, it is enough. They desire no more; they lay stress on nothing else; they ask only, is thy heart herein as my heart? If it be, give me thine hand!" "Is there," he adds, "any other society in Great Britain or Ireland that is so remote from bigotry; that is so truly of a Catholic spirit; so ready to admit all serious persons, without distinction? Where is there such another society in Europe; in the habitable world? I know none."

"When he was in his eighty-fifth year, preaching in Glasgow, he wrote, 'I subjoined a short account of Methodism, particularly insisting on the circumstance, there is no other religious society under heaven which requires nothing of men, in order to their admission into it, but a desire to save their souls. Look all around you; you can not be admitted into the Church or society of the Presbyterians, Anabaptists, Quakers, or any others, unless you hold the same opinions with them, and adhere to the same mode of worship. The Methodists alone do not insist on your holding this or that opinion. * * * Here is our glorying, and a glory peculiar to us.'"

"The possible results of such liberality were once discussed in Conference. Wesley conclusively determined the debate by remarking, 'I have no more right to object to a man for holding a different opinion from me, than to differ with a man because he wears a wig and I wear my own hair; but if he takes off his wig

and begins to shake the powder about my eyes, I shall consider it my duty to get quit of him as soon as possible.' "

Dr. Stevens discusses the question whether Mr. Wesley designed the new American Church to be equally liberal, and comes to the conclusion that he did. As I entirely concur with him, I will quote him a little further: "As the 'General Rules' used in England, were retained, after the Christmas Conference in America, as the 'only one condition' of membership, and the 'Articles of Religion' are not mentioned in these Rules, but placed apart in the Discipline (they were at first placed at the back part of the book, as a kind of appendix), are not the Articles to be considered rather as an indicatory than an obligatory symbol; an indication to sincere men, seeking an asylum for Christian communion, of what kind of teaching they must expect in the new Church, but not what they would be required to avow by subscription?"

The Articles and the General Rules are both parts of the organic or constitutional law of American Methodism, though the general rules prescribe the "only condition" of membership, without allusion to the articles. Conformity to the doctrines of the Church is required by its statute law, as a functional qualification for the ministry; (and, I add, rightly so; for when a man assumes to *teach*, the Church is under obligations to see that he is both sound in the faith and sound in speech. But a candidate for membership comes to *learn*, not to teach. He is a pupil, coming into the Church as into the school of Christ, to be taught what are the doctrines of the Scriptures; and we might as consistently require a pupil just entering one of our literary institutions to stand a public examination on the course of studies which he comes to learn, as to require a candidate for membership to be examined on the theological creed of the Church. Not one in fifty of such candidates for membership in our Church, or any other, have any intelligent appreciation of those numerous articles, in which they are required to avow their belief. Yet, by the recent statutes, this is expected from them, both young men and maidens, old men and children, male and female, white and black, whether they can read or whether they can not. Happily, this confession of faith is, by the necessity of the case, understood to be of the most general kind, and with the qualification, implied at least, *as far as they understand them*. But this much might fairly be assumed in the circumstances, without any doctrinal examination or confession at all.) Stevens continues; "Church members can not be excluded for personal opinions, while their lives conform to the practical discipline of the Church; they can be tried and expelled for 'sowing dissensions' in the societies by 'inveighing against their doctrines or discipline;' that is, in other words, not for their opinions, but for their moral conduct respecting these opinions. They can not be expelled for any thing short of defects which 'are sufficient to exclude a person from the Kingdom of Grace and Glory.' And at what would Wesley himself have more revolted than the assumption that opinions not affecting the Christian conduct of a

member of his society were sufficient to exclude him from the Kingdom of Grace and Glory. This interesting historical fact is full of significance, as an example of that distinction between indicatory and obligatory standards of theological belief, which Methodism has, perhaps, had the honor of first exemplifying among the leading Churches of the modern Christian world."

These quotations show conclusively that Mr. Wesley did not intend to make either what is called a profession of religion, or a confession of faith or creed, a term of admission into the Methodist communion, whether in Europe or America. But in America we have recently, either with or without reason, so far departed from primitive Methodism, in this particular, as to require both. In the latest edition of the Discipline, Part II, Chapter 2, Section 1, Answer 1, we have these words: "Let none be received into the Church until they * * * shall, on examination by the minister in charge, before the Church, give satisfactory assurances both of the *correctness of their faith*, and their willingness to observe and keep the rules of the Church." Again, in the same chapter, referring to the baptized children of members, we meet this language: "Whenever they have attained age sufficient to understand the obligations of religion, * * * and give evidence of a principle and habit of piety, * * * they may be admitted into full membership in our Church, on the recommendation of a leader with whom they have met at least six months in class (that is, on probation), by publicly assenting before the Church to the baptismal covenant, and also *the usual questions on doctrine and discipline*. What these *usual questions* are, we learn from Part IV, Chapter 2, on the reception of members, where the minister in charge is instructed to propound the following to candidates, in the presence of the congregation: "Have you *saving faith* in our Lord Jesus Christ?" (understood to be justifying faith—equivalent to a change of heart, or conversion, in the ordinary meaning of those terms.) "Do you believe in the doctrines of Holy Scripture, as set forth in the Articles of Religion of the Methodist Episcopal Church? These recent provisions of the Discipline, Dr. Stevens suggests, were an oversight of the General Conference; but such an oversight, I will add, as could never have been made, if the Conference had not been oblivious of ancient Wesleyan principles; and which, it seems to me, can not be harmonized with those principles.

I call attention to these facts, not in the spirit of captiousness, nor factiousness; but as a loyal son of the Church, jealous of her ancient honor and glory, and grieved at any departure, however slight, from a principle of such excellency, and so dear to the heart of her founder. If, indeed, we are thoroughly convinced that he was in error here, of course we are bound to forsake him; for we must not so call any man *father* or *master* on earth, as to follow him in that which is unscriptural or wrong. But, if we still believe and admire his principles herein, as scriptural and excellent, it becomes us to reconsider and review our action, to see whether

we can not and ought not so to modify our recent position as to conform it to the primitive Wesleyan idea and the Catholic Spirit of Christianity.

I am fully aware that what I am now animadverting upon, in our recent usages, is a change tending rather to commend than to disparage us in the esteem of other Christian bodies; particularly in the eyes of those Churches called Calvinistic, in which a confession of faith is indispensable to membership. And I am not certain but this fact has had something to do in bringing about this change in our usages. But I think we need to reiterate the question, asked perhaps more than once by Mr. Wesley in his Conferences: "*Have we not leaned too much to Calvinism?*" that is, in this case, to the principles and customs of the Calvinistic Churches. I say this as a Methodist, without the slightest disrespect for those Churches, which I esteem most highly for their works' sake, for their steadfast and consistent piety, for their learning and zeal and also for the large amount of Gospel truth which their creed contains. But with all my respect for them as Churches of the living God, I nevertheless prefer to theirs the primitive principles of Methodism, in this, as in other respects, as being more excellent and more scriptural.

But, whatever seeming divergence there may now be from these primitive principles, within our own pale, I am happy to say that so far as concerns other Christians and Christian bodies, our principles remain unchanged. We acknowledge all men as brethren in the Lord, who hold the fundamental doctrines of Christianity, already mentioned, and give evidence of piety by leading a Godly life. This we do, whether they are, in their experience, able to come up to what we believe to be the Christian's privilege or not, *i. e.* to have an assurance of their acceptance with God. For, although we hold most firmly to this, as the Christian's privilege, and that all Christians should earnestly covet it, and seek to attain to it, yet we also admit that in many cases, through defective teaching, or other means, it may be wanting, where there is, notwithstanding, genuine Christian character—piety towards God, and benevolence towards men. In this we have not departed from the principles of our respected founder, who as early as 1768 wrote in his Journal, "*I have not for many years thought a consciousness of acceptance to be essential to justifying faith.*" This is very remarkable language, when we consider the fact that in all Methodist teaching, from Wesley down, this doctrine of a consciousness of acceptance, or the witness of the Spirit, has been one of the distinguishing features of Methodism, insisted upon with great emphasis, as a matter of the utmost importance, and continually brought out in the experience of our people. Yet, even this Mr. Wesley does not make absolutely essential to Christian character or fellowship; nor do we, at least with respect to Christians out of our own body.

"What shall we say, then?" in conclusion, on this fundamental question of Christian character and Christian fellowship. Taking

up the Apostle's principles, and accommodating his language to our times and circumstances, we will say this:

In Christ Jesus, neither is Methodism any thing, nor Presbyterianism, nor Episcopalianism, nor Romanism—neither is Arminianism any thing, nor Calvinism, nor Lutherianism, nor Quakerism, nor *any other ism*, so far as it is merely an expression of a form of ecclesiastical polity, or doctrine, or sect, or party:—

But *faith which worketh by love* IS SOMETHING: but the *new creation* IS SOMETHING:—but the *keeping of the commandments of God* IS SOMETHING:—is the *substance and essence* of our blessed religion. Wherever we recognize these, we recognize the image and spirit of our Lord, the character and persons of the Saints of the Most High, the children of our Father in Heaven, the brotherhood and fellowship of Christians, and the Church of the living God, which is the pillar and ground of the truth.

This is the broad Catholic platform of Methodism; and, we most confidently believe, the platform of the New Testament.

To God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all the glory, now and forever. Amen.

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West Milford.....	420	2	100	6	10	5	8	6300	1	600	8 00	22 65	...	15 00	...	5	35	200	500	
Pruntytown.....	400	4	150	6	30	7	8	6000	1	250	16 00	55 50	...	25 00	...	5	60	180	500	
Marion.....	356	4	44	1	...	9	6	3500	1	400	12 50	15 50	...	...	...	5	40	180	400	
Weston.....	168	1	123	5	16	5	3	1600	1	500	21 25	17 00	...	5 75	...	5	74	365	644	
Lumberport.....	250	4	40	3	15	1	8	3000	...	...	2 70	10 00	...	...	...	2	14	80	275	
Frenchton.....	406	2	144	9	14	25	8	6000	...	...	10 00	22 00	...	...	...	6	60	300	1050	
Buckhannon.....	414	7	47	8	16	1	8	4000	...	...	5 60	54 75	...	50 00	...	9	60	500	600	
Phillippi.....	328	7	54	6	10	14	7	5650	...	...	7 19	16 25	20	20 00	21 32	8	82	350	600	
Salem.....	90	1	60	2	16	11	3	2100	...	...	...	5 00	...	20 00	...	2	20	60	270	
Upshur.....	150	...	30	1	8	10	3	500	...	...	...	4 00	...	...	...	1	8	35	50	
Beverly.....	134	2	63	1	8	1	4	2300	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	40	...	
	3294	55	939	50	143	93	68	47950	5	2750	91 24	305 00	1 95	193 45	22 57	51	488	2445	5539	
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.																				
Parkersburg Station.....	192	2	40	2	2	7	1	18000	1	4000	50 00	320 00	...	150 00	...	1	20	150	350	
Elizabeth Circuit.....	131	...	10	2	...	2	5	2500	1	700	10 00	18 00	...	...	...	4	25	105	220	
Murrayville.....	214	...	212	5	...	2	...	650	...	...	...	11 85	...	100 00	...	10	65	250	320	
Ellenboro.....	435	3	108	9	45	12	12	3500	1	800	5 00	20 00	1 00	60 00	1 00	5	70	364	1000	
Harrisville.....	123	3	8	2	...	2	3	1800	...	...	...	50 65	...	...	...	3	24	150	300	
West Union.....	228	5	135	3	7	1	4	2000	...	...	35 00	50 00	...	7 00	...	7	62	252	802	
Middlebourne.....	300	6	77	4	9	8	7	2500	1	450	5 00	5 00	...	22 00	...	10	90	300	425	
Sistersville.....	253	2	86	3	22	5	4	2500	...	...	30 00	50 00	...	22 45	...	5	80	215	325	
Williamstown.....	171	2	9	3	...	4	1600	1	800	30 43	17 86	29 95	...	...	...	3	22	70	430	
Newark.....	100	4	20	1	4	3	2	300	...	...	10 00	20 00	...	54 00	...	3	24	75	300	
Ripley.....	100	2	35	2	10	8	4	400	...	...	7 50	2 35	...	100 00	...	2	10	45	75	
Spencer.....	270	4	72	4	28	24	1	200	...	...	...	8 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Glenville.....	123	1	38	2	...	1	4	2500	...	...	...	16 70	...	...	...	5	47	160	365	
	2640	4	850	42	127	73	55	38450	5	6750	182 93	590 41	1 00	545 40	1 00	58	489	2136	4912	

Statistics of West Virginia Conference for 1866.

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MINUTES OF WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

CIRCUITS & STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				B'PTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.				BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				Church Extension.
	Membr's	Deaths.	Probationers.	L. Pre's	Adults.	Childr'n	Ch'ches.	Prob. Value.	Pays'ees	Prob. Value.	For Conference	For Mis- sionary Society.	For Tr't Society.	For Bib. Society.	For S. S. Union.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Vols. in Library.	
CHARLESTON DIS.																				
Charleston Sta.*..	125	3	150	2	13	7	1	\$7000	1	\$3000	10 00	15 00	3 00	165 00	2 00	2	24	125	500	
Malden.....	91	2	4	2	6	.....	2	1500	1	500						1	11	50	250	
Pocatalico.....	179	2	94	3	4	8		.....			5 00	10 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	7	49	202	667	
Summersville.....	540	8	60	2	.....	4	4	.....	1	75										
Cannonsburg	5	.....	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....						1	4	30	.....	
Charleston Cir't..	332	3	64	1	12	5	15	.....	1	300										
Pt. Pleasant.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		10 00								
Greenupsburg	60	.....	67	.....	8	1	.....	.....	.....	.....		2 75				3	20	130	.....	
Guy'te & Catl'bg.	108	1	29	.....	14	8	2	3000	.....	.....		84 75	2 50			2	25	162	450	
Ashland.....	76	.....	42	6	5	14	1	2000	.....	.....	5 00	33 00	1 00		1 00	4	25	200	5 0	
Coal River.....	200	1	5	6	.....	.....	2	600	.....	.....						2	12	56	300	
Putnam	198	.....	76	4	13	.....	7	5800	.....	.....						1	3	60	100	
Louisa.....	540	.....	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....										
Wayne.....	125	.....	284	.....	21	.....	2	600	.....	.....										
RECAPITULATION	2579	20	1094	26	96	43	36	20500	4	3875	20 00	155 50	7 50	166 00	4 00	23	173	1105	2767	
Morgantown Dis..	3782	53	1503	32	224	138	54	45200	6	4680	199 90	1084 87	9 45	762 55	25 50	54	597	2929	9557	
Wheeling ".....	2534	48	1042	20	118	197	39	53900	8	8800	412 53	1833 77	14 00	415 00	17 00	39	464	2995	10491	773 00
Clarksburg ".....	3294	35	939	50	143	93	68	47950	5	2750	91 24	306 90	1 95	193 45	22 57	51	488	2445	5539	
Parkersburg ".....	2640	34	850	42	127	73	55	38450	5	6750	182 93	590 41	1 00	545 40	1 00	58	489	2136	4912	
Charleston ".....	2579	20	1094	26	96	43	36	20500	4	3785	20 00	155 50	7 50	166 00	4 00	23	173	1105	2767	10 00
Total.....	14829	190	5428	170	708	544	252	206000	28	26855	906 60	3971 45	33 90	2082 40	70 07	225	2211	11610	33266	783 00
Last Year.....	12303	195	2497	155	341	458	214	195000	27	20800	955 30	3497 43	45 60	2150 75	47 55	189	1808	9223	30534	
Increase	2526	.....	2931	15	367	86	38	11000	1	6055	.....	474 02	.....	.....	22 52	36	408	2387	2732	
Decrease.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48 70	.....	11 70	68 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	

FULL MEMBERSHIP.--Members, 14,829; Probationers, 5,428; Traveling and Supernumerary Preachers, 86; Local Preachers, 170; Total, 20,513;

Last year, 15,035; Increase, 5,478.

*Missionary money from Charleston, \$15.00, sent to Cincinnati.

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RULES OF ORDER

ADOPTED FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE

West Virginia Annual Conference.

1. The Conference shall meet at 8 o'clock, A. M., and adjourn at 12, M.

2. The President shall take the Chair precisely at the hour to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer; and shall have the minutes of the preceding day read and approved.

3. He shall see that all business appertaining to the Conference be brought forward, and conducted as directed by the Discipline.

4. He shall preserve order in all proceedings; and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of such an appeal, the question shall be taken without debate.

5. He shall plainly state every question, and put the same to vote whenever called for; and all motions or resolutions introduced by any member, shall be reduced to writing, if the President, Secretary, or any member, request it.

6. When a motion or resolution is made and recorded, or a report presented and read by the Secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference; but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover before decision or amendment.

7. No new motion shall be made until the one under consideration is disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection; unless one of the following should intervene, (which motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are placed, viz: Indefinite postponement, or to a limited time, to amend, or to lie on the table.

8. Every speaker, on any one subject, shall rise and address the President, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the question, or from the rule and decorum of the Conference.

9 No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice upon the same question, nor more than fifteen minutes at once, unless he obtain leave of the Conference, which shall be decided by vote, without debate.

10. If in debate, one member misrepresents the arguments of another, the member who is misrepresented shall have the liberty to rise and explain, and the other shall remain silent until such explanation be given.

11. When any member conceives that another is out of order, he may call the attention of the President to the case.

12. When speaking, each member shall have due regard to the feelings of his brethren, by avoiding irritating language and personal reflections.

13. When any motion or resolution shall have passed, it shall be in order for any person who voted in the majority, to move for a reconsideration.

14. No member shall absent himself from the services of the Conference without leave of the Conference, unless he be sick or unable to attend.

15. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar at the time when the question is put by the President, except by leave of the Conference; and every member who shall be within the bar at the time the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Conference, for special reasons, excuse him.

16. No motion shall be considered unless seconded.

17. The Secretary of the Conference shall keep a journal of all the proceedings, and, when approved, shall record the same in a book provided for that purpose. He shall call the list at the opening of each session, noting the absentees, unless the call shall be dispensed with by order of the Conference. He shall take charge of the journals and all Conference papers, keep them safe and have them forwarded to the place of the Conference sessions.

18. He shall allow no copy of papers, or extracts from the journals of the Conference to be taken, without the leave of the Conference.

19. No Preacher shall bring any charge against any member of the Conference until he has first given information of the same, either by letter or otherwise, so as the accused may have an opportunity of defense.

20. The President shall appoint all committees not otherwise specially ordered by the Conference.

21. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

MINUTES.

THE WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church, commenced its Twentieth Annual Session in Catlettsburg, Kentucky, March 14th, 1867—Bishop E. Thompson, presiding.

Secretaries—A. Martin, S. Steele, J. W. Webb, S. W. Davis.

COMMITTEES.

The Presiding Elders were appointed a Nominating Committee who reported the following Standing Committees :

On Public Worship—S. Hitchens, H. D. Rice.

Board of Stewards, Ministerial—J. M. Powell, F. Ball, A. Hall, G. Richmond, B. Darlington, W. H. Shaw.

Board of Stewards, Lay—M. Dowler, W. Ely, N. Goff.

On Necessitous Cases—The Board of Stewards.

On Missions—The Presiding Elders.

On Education—B. Ison, S. Steele, T. M. Leslie, J. D. Onins, D. H. K. Dix, S. Hitchens.

On Sunday Schools—J. B. Feather, T. B. Hughes, S. E. Steele, D. Cool, W. E. Williamson, A. R. Crislip.

On Parsonages—J. W. Webb, R. M. Wallace, W. H. Shaw.

On Periodicals—M. Allen, M. V. B. White, W. L. Hindman, E. W. Ryan, M. L. King, H. C. Sanford.

On Tract Cause—C. Conner, E. L. Nicholson, B. Darlington.

On Bible Cause—S. King, A. J. Lyon, A. R. Crislip, R. H. Wallace.

On Temperance—L. D. Casto, T. H. Trainer, F. H. J. King.

On Publication of Minutes—J. L. Clark, S. Steele, F. Ball.

To Collect Subscriptions to Publish Minutes—T. M. Leslie

On Post Offices and Local Preachers—J. M. Warden.

On the Observance of the Sabbath—V. Sanford, C. King, B. F. Rogers.

On Church Extension—Presiding Elders.

To Audit the Missionary Accounts &c., of Presiding Elders—M. Allen, G. Martin, J. D. Onins, D. H. K. Dix, M. L. King, R. Northcraft.

On Centenary—J. W. Webb, G. Martin, G. W. Richmond, E. W. Ryan, M. L. King, J. M. Warden.

On Tobacco—T. H. Monroe, J. A. Kibbe, T. H. Trainer.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

On our Interest in the Centenary Fund of the Pittsburgh Conference—
A. Martin.

*On the Pumphry Will Case—*E. W. Ryan, G. Martin, T. H. Trainer, M. L. King.

*On New York Book and Periodical Accounts—*M. V. B. White.
*Committee to Respond to the Fraternal Greetings of the Methodist Protestant Conference of West Va. District—*A. Martin, J. L. Irwin.

The Presiding Elders were appointed a Committee to nominate the standing Committees for the next Annual Session of the Conference and reported as follows:

*On Public Worship—*The Preacher in charge of Moundsville Station.

*Board of Stewards—*F. Ball, R. M. Wallace, A. Hall, S. E. Steele, B. Darlington, M. L. King.

*On Necessitous Cases—*The Board of Stewards.

*On Missions—*The Presiding Elders.

*On Education—*W. Hunter, J. A. Kibbe, H. C. Sanford, G. W. Arnold, E. W. Ryan, J. D. Onins.

*On Sunday Schools—*S. Hitchens, E. L. Nicholson, S. W. Davis.

*On Parsonages—*J. W. Webb, W. E. Williamson, E. C. Wayman.

*On Periodicals—*W. C. Wilson, R. H. Wallace, T. H. Trainer.
S. King.

*On Tract Cause—*T. M. Hartley, J. J. Dolliver, W. H. Shaw.

*On Bible Cause—*T. M. Leslie, A. R. Crislip, C. Conner.

*On Temperance—*T. B. Hughes, E. Ford, J. B. Feather.

*On the State of the Church and Country—*G. Martin, G. W. Richmond, J. M. Warden, J. M. Powell, W. Hunter.

*On the Observance of the Sabbath—*J. W. Webb, A. A. Reger.

*On Tobacco—*J. A. Kibbe, T. H. Monroe, B. Ison.

*To Audit Presiding Elders Accounts—*J. L. Irwin, M. V. B. White, H. C. Sanford, G. W. Arnold.

*On Church Extension—*The Presiding Elders.

COMMITTEE OF EXAMINATION FOR 1868.

*To Examine Candidates for Admission on Trial—*H. C. Sanford, M. V. B. White, S. Hitchens.

*First Year—*S. E. Steele, B. Darlington, R. Northcraft.

*Second Year—*J. D. Onins, M. L. King, J. M. Warden, W. C. Wilson.

Third Year—W. E. Williamson, R. H. Wallace, E. C. Wayman, J. M. Powell.

Fourth Year—G. W. Richmond, B. Ison, E. L. Nicholson, D. H. K. Dix.

Local Preachers for Deacons Orders—W. H. Shaw, S. King, S. W. Davis.

Local Preachers for Elders Orders—E. Ford, D. Cool, J. B. Feather.

To Preach Missionary Sermon—T. M. Leslie.

Alternate—J. M. Powell.

Disciplinary Questions.

Question I. Who are admitted on trial?

Answer. T. F. Bracken, R. R. Highleyman, B. A. Stubbins, J. P. Coleman, S. B. D. Prickett; J. A. Williams, re-admitted—6.

Q. II. Who remain on trial?

A. W. F. Cannan, Wm. W. Kelly, M. W. Rider, G. Rogers, J. T. Davis, C. H. Conway, C. W. Swartz, E. B. Blundin, W. D. Carrico, J. M. Rife, J. Kelly, D. S. Benedum—12.

Q. III. Who are admitted into full connection, and ordained Deacons?

A. G. W. Matheny, J. A. Kibbe, S. D. Jones, T. M. Hartley, C. H. Lakin—5.

Q. IV. Who are the Deacons?

A. G. W. Matheny, J. A. Kibbe, T. M. Hartley, C. H. Lakin, J. S. P. Carroll.*—5.

Q. V. Who are elected and ordained Elders this year?

A. S. W. Davis—1.

Q. VI. Who have located this year?

A. C. King—1.

Q. VII. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

A. R. L. Woodyard, A. Stephens, J. L. Sanford, A. B. Smith, J. W. W. Bolton, M. Tichenel, J. W. Reger, D. H. K. Dix, A. W. Gregg, L. Parke—10.

Q. VIII. Who are the Superannuated or worn-out Preachers?

A. A. B. Rohrbough, J. Birkett, D. A. McGinnis, W. R. Carroll, A. Dixon, R. L. Brooks, G. Jones, F. Guthrie, P. Green, J. B. West, V. Sanford, G. Monroe—12.

Q. IX. Who have been expelled this year?

A. None.

*Second-class Deacon.

Q. X. Who have withdrawn this year?

A. None.

Q. XI. Who have died this year?

A. None.

Q. What is the number of Church Members, Probationers and Local Preachers?

A. Members,	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,696
Probationers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,087
Local Preachers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	221
Traveling and Sup.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	89
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,093
Last year,	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,513

Increase, - - - - - 6,580

Q. What amounts are necessary for Superannuated Preachers, the widows and orphans of Preachers, and to make up the deficiency of those who have not received their regular allowance from the Circuits?

A. \$9,225 35.

Q. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

A. From Circuits and Stations,	-	-	-	\$584 54
" Chartered Fund,	-	-	-	27 00

Total, - - - - - \$611 54

Which has been paid as follows:

R. L. Brooks, -	-	135 00	Mrs. Battelle, -	-	75 00
F. Guthrie, -	-	135 00	Mrs. Vandervort, -	-	100 00
P. Green, -	-	78 00	Sister Patterson, -	-	20 00
A. Dixon, -	-	77 40			
Susan Burns, -	-	30 00			\$650 40

There was more money received and disbursed by the Stewards than the charges are credited with.

Q. What has been collected for the support of Missions; and what for the Sunday School Union, and for the American Bible Society, and for the circulation of Tracts.

A. For Missions from Circuits and Stations,	\$2,401 86
Avails of Anniversary Preachers' Subscription,	105 42
	\$2,507 28
Sunday School Union,	\$ 48 18
American Bible Society,	361 23
Tract Cause,	48 68
	\$ 458 09
Total,	\$2,965 37

Q. Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	
Morgantown Dist.,	J. B. Blakeney, P. E.,	Morgantown, Monongalia Co.,	W. V.
" Sta.,	J. D. Onins,	" "	" "
" Cir.,	R. M. Wallace,	" "	" "
Smithtown,	W. D. Carrico,		
Monongalia,	J. W. Webb,		
	One to be suppl'd	Granville,	" "
Brandonville,	J. B. Feather,		
	One to be suppl'd	Brandonville, Preston	" "
Grantsville,	R. Laughlin,	Grantsville, Alleghany	" Md.
Kingwood,	W. C. Wilson,	Kingwood, Preston	" W. V.
Oakland,	J. M. Powell,		
	One to be suppl'd	Oakland, Alleghany	" Md.
Rowlesburg,	T. F. Bracken,	Rowlesburg, Preston	" W. V.
Evansville,	C. Conner,	Evansville,	" "
Grafton & Fetterman,	M. Allen,	Grafton,	Taylor " "
Palatine,	W. L. Hindman,	Palatine,	Marion " "
Knottsville,	J. J. Dolliver,	Knottsville,	Taylor " "
Blacksville,	L. D. Casto,	Jollytown, Greene	" Pa.

Wm. Hunter, Professor of Hebrew and Biblical Literature, Allegheny College and member of Morgantown Quarterly Conference, Meadville, Crawford county, Pa.

G. W. Arnold, Principal and Financial Agent of the Morgantown Female Collegiate Institute, and member of Morgantown Quarterly Conference, Morgantown, Monongalia county, W. Va.

WHEELING DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	
Wheeling District,	J. L. Clark, P. E.,	Wheeling, Ohio	Co., W. V.
" Fourth St.,	To be supplied,	" "	" "
" North St.,	G. Martin,	" "	" "
" Island Ch.,	J. A. Kibbe,	" "	" "
" Zane St.,	F. Ball,	" "	" "
" Chapline, st.,	S. Steele,	" "	" "
South Wheeling,	T. H. Trainer,	" "	" "
Marshall,	E. C. Wayman,		
	One to be suppl'd	Benwood, Marshall	" "
Moundsville,	B. Ison,	Moundsville,	" "
Pine Grove,	To be supplied,	Pine Grove, Wetzal	" "
Mannington,	M. V. B. White,	Mannington, Marion	" "
Greene,	To be supplied,	Bellton, Marshall	" "
Grave Creek,	W. R. Howe,		
	One to be suppl'd	Moundsville,	" "
Dallas,	W. F. Cannan,	Dallas,	" "
Triadelphia,	T. B. Hughes,	Triadelphia, Ohio	" "
Short Creek and Liberty,	To be supplied,	West Liberty,	" "
Roseby and Burton,	To be supplied,	Roseby's Rock, Marshall	" "

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>	
Clarksburg District,	A. J. Lyda, P. E.,	Fairmont, Marion Co.,	W. V.
" Station,	S. W. Davis,	Clarksburg, Harrison	" "

West Milford,.....	J. M. Warden,....	} West Milford, Harrison Co., W. V.
	J. B. Pinchen,....	
Weston,	R. H. Wallace,....	Weston, Lewis " "
Frenchton,.....	T. M. Hartley,....	} Centerville, Upshur " "
	One to be suppl'd	
Pruntytown,.....	T. M. Leslie,....	} Pruntytown, Taylor " "
"	M. W. Rider,....	
Phillippi,.....	R. Northcraft,....	Phillippi, Barbour " "
Buckhannon Station, W. E. Williamson,	Buckhannon, Upshur " "	
" Circuit, A. A. Reger,	" " " "	
Upshur,.....	G. Rogers,	" " " "
Fairmont,	A. Hall,	Fairmont, Marion " "
Marion,	H. C. Sanford,	Barracksville, " " "
Lumberport,.....	D. Cool,	Lumberport, " " "
Beverly,	S. B. D. Prickett,	Beverly, Randolph " "
Salem,	D. S. Benedum,	
Bridgeport,.....	E. Ford,	Bridgeport, Harrison " "
J. L. Irwin, State Agent for the American Bible Society, and member of Fairmont Quarterly Conference, Fairmont, Marion county, W. Va.		
W. R. White, State Superintendent of Public Schools, and member of Fairmont Quarterly Conference, Fairmont, Marion county, W. Va.		

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>
Parkersburg District, T. H. Monroe, P. E.,	Parkersburg, Wood	Co., W. V.
" Station, A. Martin,	" " "	" " "
" Circuit, J. A. Williams,	" " "	" " "
Elizabeth and } To be supplied,	Elizabeth, Wirt	" "
Burning Spring,		
Williamstown,	S. D. Jones,	Williamstown, Wood " "
Murraysville,	A. J. Lyon,	Murraysville, Jackson " "
Ravenswood and } To be supplied,	Ripley, " "	" " "
Ripley,		
Harrisville,	S. E. Steele,	} Harrisville, Ritchie " "
	One to be supplid	
Petroleum,	F. H. J. King,	
West Union,	C. H. Lakin,	West Union, Doddridge " "
Middlebourne,	E. B. Blundin,	Middlebourne, Tyler " "
Sistersville,	E. L. Nicholson,	Sistersville, " " "
Glenville,	W. W. Kelly,	Glenville, Gilmer " "
Spencer,	R. R. Highleyman,	Spencer, Roane " "
Calhoun,	To be supplied,	Calhoun C. H., Calhoun " "

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>
Charleston District, R. A. Arthur, P. E.,	Kanawha c. h. Kanawha Co.,	W. V.
" Station, G. W. Richmond, ..	" " " "	" " "
" Circuit, To be supplied.	" " " "	" " "
Malden,	C. H. Conway,	Malden, " " "
Raymond City Ct., G. W. Matheny,		
Winfield,	J. T. Davis,	Winfield, Putnam " "
Buffalo,	C. W. Swartz,	Buffalo, " " "
Point Pleasant,	W. H. Shaw,	} Pt. Pleasant, Mason " "
	J. M. Rife,	
Hartford City Ct., E. W. Ryan,	Hartford City, " "	" " "
Monticello,	W. D. Warman,	Pt. Pleasant, " " "
Cannelton,	B. Darlington,	Cannelton, Kanawha " "

Summerville,.....To be supplied,.....Summerville, Nicholas Co., W. V.
 Webster,.....To be supplied.
 Braxton,.....To be supplied,.....Braxton C. H., Braxton " "
 Clay Circuit,.....To be supplied.
 Coal River,.....To be supplied.

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>
Guyandotte, District, H. D. Rice, P. E.,...	Guyandotte,	Cabell Co., W. V.
Guyandotte,.....S. King.....	"	" " "
Catlettsburg,.....S. Hitchens,.....	Catlettsburg,	Boyd " Ky.
Ashland & Coalton,....One to be suppl'd	Ashland,	" " "
	J. Kelly,.....	
Wayne,.....M. L. King,.....	Wayne C. H.,	Wayne " W. V.
	J. S. P. Carroll,...	
Lincoln,.....B. Hagar,.....	Hamlin.	Lincoln " W. V.
Logan and Boone,....J. P. Coleman,.....	Logan C. H.,	Logan " W. V.
Wyoming and McDowell,.....	To be supplied,.....	Wyoming C. H., Wyoming " "
Raleigh & Mercer,....To be supplied,.....		
Louisa,.....A. R. Crislip,.....	Louisa,	Lawrence " Ky.
	One to be suppl'd	
Paintsville,.....B. A. Stubbins,.....	Paintsville,	Johnson " "
Pikeville,.....R. Hagar,.....	Pikeville,	Pike " "
McGoffin,.....To be supplied.		
Letcher Circuit,.....To be supplied,.....	Prestonsburg, Floyd	" "

To preach the Missionary Sermon, T. M. Leslie; Alternate, J. M. Powell.
 The next session of the Conference to be held at Moundsville, W. Va.

LOCAL PREACHERS.

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

Charles McLain,-----	Morgantown,	Monongalia County,	West Va.
A. L. Wade,-----	"	"	" "
Leonard Warman, ----	Ice's Ferry,	"	" "
Joseph Grubb, -----	White Day,	"	" "
Thos. Hawkins, ----	Raccoon,	Preston	" "
G. W. Smith, -----	Granville,	Monongalia	" "
J. N. Waters, -----	"	"	" "
M. L. Boyers, -----	"	"	" "
J. H. Gibson, -----	Brandonville,	Preston	" "
D. Tichenel, -----	Muddy Creek,	"	" "
Joseph Dewitt, -----	Grantsville,	Alleghany	" Md.
D. H. Friend, -----	"	"	" "
J. N. Loudermilk, ----	Selbysport	"	" "
J. M. Davis, -----	Oakland	"	" "
P. S. Barrack, -----	Tunnelton,	Preston County,	West Va.
F. G. W. Ford, -----	Kasson	Barbour	" "
E. S. Wilson, -----	Kingwood	Preston	" "
E. G. Murphy, -----	Grafton	Taylor	" "
D. J. McGinnis, -----	Evansville	Preston	" "

WHEELING DISTRICT.

E. J. Stone, E	Wheeling, Ohio County, West Va.			
W. G. Hobbs, E	"	"	"	"
J. Willets, D	"	"	"	"
J. A. Lancaster, L	"	"	"	"
Jas. Baggs, L	"	"	"	"
M. Doty, L	"	"	"	"
M. Dowler, E	Sharon, Marshall	"	"	"
S. Jones, E	Moundsville	"	"	"
G. Pelly, E	"	"	"	"
J. A. Alexander, E	"	"	"	"
W. Evans, L	"	"	"	"
J. Glendening, D	New Martinsville, Wetzel co.,	"	"	"
Jas. McElfresh, L	Pine Grove, Wetzel	"	"	"
J. Edgel, L				
J. Musgrave, L				
J. Hall,	Pine Grove, Wetzel County, West Va.			
J. Snodgrass, D				
J. M. Sterling, L	Bellton, Marshall County, West Va.			
J. Alley, E	Glen Easton	"	"	"
G. Franklin, L	Bellton	"	"	"
G. W. Parrot, L	"	"	"	"
D. Cunningham, E	Mannington, Marion	"	"	"
Wm. Conway, L	"	"	"	"
A. Ney, L	"	"	"	"
R. Wilson, L	Dallas, Marshall	"	"	"

E for Elder, D for Deacon, L for Licentiate.

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

D. Rector,	Clarksburg, Harrison County, West Va.			
J. Conwell,	"	"	"	"
J. Conner,	"	"	"	"
J. Holt,	West Milford,	"	"	"
A. C. Rider,	Quiet Dell,	"	"	"
S. P. Wilson,	Kincheloe, Lewis	"	"	"
J. M. Harshbarger,	Weston,	"	"	"
N. Snider,	"	"	"	"
J. Law,	"	"	"	"
G. W. Dean,	"	"	"	"
J. McWhorter,	"	"	"	"
D. Hall,	"	"	"	"
J. C. McCoy,	"	"	"	"
G. J. Riffe,	Frenchton, Upshur	"	"	"
S. Wilson,	"	"	"	"
J. Elliot,	Pruntytown, Taylor	"	"	"
A. Vincent,	Shinnston, Harrison	"	"	"
J. Clellen,	Boothsville, Marion	"	"	"
J. J. Nixon,	"	"	"	"

J. Pittman,	Phillippi,	Barbour County,	West Va.
D. R. Poling,	"	"	"
C. Tipton,	"	"	"
J. Paston,	"	"	"
D. S. Pinnell,	Buckhannon,	Upshur	"
E. Bennett,	"	"	"
J. Waugh,	"	"	"
W. Ward,	"	"	"
S. Ingol,	"	"	"
J. Burns,	Fairmont,	Marion	"
D. Turney,	"	"	"
M. W. Davis,	Cherry Camp,	Harrison	"
Hanning Foggy,	Beverly,	Randolph	"
P. G. Corsley,	Bridgeport,	Harrison	"
Austin Reader,	"	"	"

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

J. Steele,	Leokart's Run,	Wirt County,	West Va.
O. Stevens,	Fountain Spring,	"	"
Rufus Kanard,	Williamstown,	Wood	"
Benjamin Athey,	"	"	"
Edward McPherson,	Parkersburg,	"	"
C. Anderson,	Bellville,	"	"
S. Ball,	Ravenswood,	Jackson	"
Wm. R. Martin,	Cottageville,	"	"
W. J. Custer,	"	"	"
Eli Riddle,	Ellenboro,	Ritchie	"
E. Clayton,	White Oak,	"	"
J. W. Miller,	Harrisville,	"	"
E. Snodgrass,	"	"	"
A. P. Law,	"	"	"
S. Night,	West Union,	Doddridge	"
J. T. Childers,	"	"	"
Wm. Wilcox,	Middlebourne,	Tyler	"
G. McIntire,	Centerville,	"	"
R. Martin,	Van Camp,	"	"
D. Meredith,	"	"	"

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

R. B. Sanford,	Malden,	Kanawha County,	West Va.
R. Cadwalader,	"	"	"
W. A. Woodall,	Pocatalico,	"	"
S. S. Honaker,	"	"	"
J. P. Withrow,	Charleston,	"	"
J. W. Young,	Winfield,	Putnam	"
John Moses,	"	"	"
James D. Strickland,	Colone,	Mason	"
U. S. Pribble,	Point Pleasant,	Mason	"
J. M. Phelps,	"	"	"

Jacob Bird,	Hartford City, Mason County, West Va.			
W. Loomis,	"	"	"	"
W. W. Harper,	"	"	"	"
J. Kincaid,	Fayetteville, Fayette	"	"	"
W. Johson,	"	"	"	"
R. J. Hughes,	Cannelton, Kanawha	"	"	"
J. A. Cobbs,	"	"	"	"
T. J. Martin,	"	"	"	"
W. Gross,	Cross Lanes, Nicholas	"	"	"
S. Williams,	"	"	"	"

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.

H. Newman,	Guyandotte, Cabell County, West Va.			
R. D. Callahan,	Ashland, Boyd	"	"	Ky.
D. S. King,	"	"	"	"
Jesse Brown,	Logan C. H., Logan	"	"	West Va.
Adam Brown,	"	"	"	"
A. Workman,	Wyoming C. H., Wyoming Co.,	"	"	"
J. B. Hutchinson,	Louisa, Lawrence County,	"	"	Ky.
A. C. Hutchinson,	"	"	"	"
H. Swetnam,	"	"	"	"
B. A. Stubbins,	"	"	"	"
J. A. Abbott,	"	"	"	"
G. W. Hale,	"	"	"	"
A. J. Thompson,	"	"	"	"
W. Riggs,	"	"	"	"
W. Moore,	"	"	"	"
G. W. Hannah,	Peach Orchard, Lawrence Co.,	"	"	"
W. Christian,	"	"	"	"
J. Hammond,	"	"	"	"
J. House,	Paintsville, Johnson Co.,	"	"	"
H. S. Vaughn,	"	"	"	"
C. A. Ward,	"	"	"	"
J. T. Robertson,	"	"	"	"
E. Moles,	"	"	"	"
J. T. Langley,	Prestonburg, Floyd	"	"	"
George Stump,	Pike-ton, Pike	"	"	"
J. Thorns-bury,	"	"	"	"
Wm. Tussy,	Prestonburg, Floyd County,	"	"	"
Solomon Monts,	Whitesburg, Letcher	"	"	"
Elijah Baker,	"	"	"	"
Jas. Collins,	"	"	"	"
George Stump,	Pikeville, Pike County,	"	"	"
Eliphas Spurlock,	"	"	"	"
J. C. Black,	"	"	"	"
G. Carroll,	"	"	"	"

Reports.

EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education respectfully submit the following report:

I.—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

This Institution continues in its previous prosperous condition. Constantly adding to its facilities of instruction, it bids fair to rival the best educational institutions in our land. Financially, we are sorry to learn, the College has met, during the year, with some serious reverses; but its Faculty hope they will shortly be overcome. We commend the Allegheny College, with all its interests, to the sympathies and favorable notice of our preachers and people.

We also offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That the following brethren be, and are hereby appointed, to represent the Conference in the Board of Control for the ensuing year; viz: Revs. F. Ball, J. W. Webb of this Conference; H. K. List of Wheeling, and William Wagner of Morgantown.

Resolved, 2d, That Revs. A. Martin, D.D., Ashford Hall, and G. Martin of this Conference, G. M. Hagans, Esq., of Morgantown, Hon. C. D. Hubbard of Wheeling, Hon. N. Goff of Clarksburg, and G. Reed, Esq., of Fairmont, be requested to act as a Visiting Committee for the ensuing year.

II.—MORGANTOWN FEMALE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

Your Committee have received no formal report from the Principal or Trustees of this Institution, but learn from other sources, that it continues to suffer from financial embarrassment. There has, also, been a decrease in the number of students during the past year. We hope, however, from recent arrangements entered into by the Trustees and Principal, that the school will soon be relieved from its present embarrassments and enter upon a vigorous and prosperous future.

We therefore offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That the continuance of this Institution is important to the educational interests of the people in the bounds of this Conference.

Resolved, 2d, That if the Principal, Rev. G. W. Arnold, continue to act as Financial Agent, we will give him our cordial sympathy and co-operation.

Resolved, 3rd, That we will recommend the Institution to the favorable notice of our people, and use our utmost endeavors to increase the number of students.

Resolved, 4th, That the Presiding Elder of the Morgantown District, and the preacher in charge of Morgantown Station, be appointed a Visiting Committee.

III.—WHEELING FEMALE COLLEGE.

A paper received from the President of the above Institution, represents it as being in a prosperous condition.

The offers made to the ministers of West Virginia Conference are generous, in respect to the free tuition of their daughters in the English branches of education.

We therefore submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st, That this Institution deserves encouragement, and should receive a liberal share of the patronage of our preachers and people.

Resolved 2d, That the preachers in charge of Zane street and Chapline street Stations, in Wheeling, and the P. E. of the Wheeling District, be appointed a Visiting Committee for the coming year.

IV.—NORTH-WESTERN VIRGINIA ACADEMY.

Your Committee have received nothing more than a verbal report of the condition of this Institution.

During the past year the Board of Trustees has been re-organized, the building put in tolerable repair, at a cost of four or five thousand dollars, and the school commenced in conjunction with the Township Commissioners of that District—thus securing about two hundred and fifty pupils. Rev. J. Connor, a Methodist Minister, has been appointed Principal.

The school, however, is not yet self-supporting; it needs the fostering care of our preachers and people. We therefore offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st, That we cherish a lively sympathy for this Institution, and give it our earnest prayers and hearty support.

Resolved, 2d, That the proceeds of the "Educational Fund," now in the hands of the Treasurer, N. Goff, Esq., be applied in assisting to pay the Principal of this Institution.

Resolved, 3rd, That a Visiting Committee be appointed, and that the P. E. of Clarksburg District, and the preachers in charge of Clarksburg and Fairmont Stations, be that committee.

BENJAMIN ISON, *Pres't,*
SAMUEL STEELE,
T. M. LESLIE,
J. D. ONINS,
D. H. K. DIX,
SAMUEL HITCHENS.

Periodicals.

Your Committee is glad to say, that the *Pittsburgh Christian Advocate* is in a prosperous condition. Through the financial exhibit of the Publishing Committee, of March 14th, 1867, we learn that it has a circulation of thirteen thousand, which is an increase over last year of one thousand. As gratifying as this may be, it is worthy of a much larger circulation, and as one of the patronizing Conferences, we should still endeavor to enlarge the circle of its usefulness and increase its subscribers to at least twenty thousand, and thus give it an increased power for good. The size, character and tone of the *Pittsburgh Christian Advocate*, make it second to none of our Church papers; and we hope that the resolution of this Conference, adopted at its last session, will be faithfully carried out during the coming year.

Not having any information from the *Ladies' Repository*, *Sunday School Advocate*, *Sunday School Journal*, or *Missionary Advocate*, we are unprepared to say any thing in regard to their prosperity; but knowing their worth, we hope to see them placed in the families of all our members. We insist upon the duty of putting into practice our former resolutions upon this subject.

M. V. B. WHITE, *Chairman*.

Catlettsburg, March 16th, 1867.

Tract Cause.

The Committee on the Tract Cause report as follows:

We regard the tract cause as one of the great agencies by which we may reach the hearts of the people; but do we, as ministers of the Gospel, use this agency as fully as its importance demands. There has only been collected for this cause during the year, forty dollars and twenty-five cents.—Five dollars and fifty-seven cents of this amount having been expended for tracts, leaves only thirty-four dollars and sixty-eight cents on hand for the Society.

C. CONNOR,	} Committee.
B. DARLINGTON.	

Temperance.

The Committee on Temperance report as follows:

We are as much as ever convinced that intemperance is a great crime against God and society, and feel alarmed at the magnitude to which it has grown. It is now the great sin of the age, and its influences rest like an incubus upon the nation. In every walk of life it gnaws at the vitals and corrupts the life blood of the fairest and ablest of earth, and has knocked even at the doors of the National Capitol! On every hand the sad wail of agony is heard, as it rises from the crushed and bleeding hearts of widows and orphans, made

such by intemperance. Wherever we look, we see beauty shorn of its glory; youth robbed of its innocence; and moral and intellectual greatness in ruins!

It affords us pleasure to note the fact, that the darkness of intemperance is being scattered by the golden beams of truth and temperance. The Nation and the Church are awaking to the importance of this subject, and the result is, a great temperance revival is spreading through the land, until, in some States, it has culminated in the suppression of the traffic by law. In the bounds of our Conference, the friends of temperance are greatly encouraged to see us, as ministers of the West Virginia Conference, using our influence to promote temperance in our congregations.

In view of the importance of the subject, we pledge ourselves anew to preach upon the evil of intemperance, and encourage the use of such means as have a tendency to abolish the evil; and we farther agree to use all honorable means to secure a law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors within the State of West Virginia; and may the God of the faithful, and the friend of the oppressed, bless the means employed, and hasten the time when this foul stain shall be wiped away from our National escutcheon.

L. D. CASTO, *Chairman.*

Sunday Schools.

Your Committee are happy to learn, from the statistics submitted to them, that, but with a single exception, there has been an increase in every department. There has been an increase of sixty-eight Schools, five hundred and forty-eight Officers and Teachers, three thousand one hundred and one Scholars, four thousand six hundred and eighty-four volumes in Library, eighty-three Bible Classes, two hundred and sixty-one Infant Classes, two thousand eight hundred and sixty-five dollars School Expenses, three hundred and sixty Advocates, and eighty-six Conversions.

While we rejoice at this success, we are sorry such a meagre sum has been raised for the Sunday School Union. But four appointments in the Morgantown District report any money for this cause; five in the Wheeling District, one in the Clarksburg District, two in the Parkersburg District, three in the Charleston District, and one in the Guyandotte District.—Now, it is either right, or it is wrong, to raise money for the Sunday School Union. If it is right, each Circuit and Station should raise something for this purpose; if wrong, then none should do it.

Seventeen appointments in the Conference make no report.

Confident, we are, that too much care can not be taken of the children over whom we, as Ministers, are placed as instructors. Therefore, Brethren, let us look after the interests of the Children

of the Church, and no doubt God will give us access to the hearts of their parents, and we shall become more efficient in our Master's vineyard.

S. E. STEELE, *Chairman.*

Catlettsburg, Ky., March 19th, 1867.

Bible Cause.

The Committee on the Bible Cause submit the following report:
 Money collected by the Bible Agent for the State, - - \$376 92
 Money collected by the Preachers, and in hand, - - - 30 45

Total, - - - - - \$407 37

We regret there has been a decrease in the collections during the past year, but we do not think it has been owing to a want of interest on the part of our people in the Bible cause, but on account of the many and urgent calls upon their liberality. We regret that the Officers of the American Bible Society, in charge of their publishing interests, have not furnished the Conference with information concerning the Society.

We would express our deep sympathy with the Bible cause, and pledge a hearty co-operation with our State and other Agents of the Society.

We also recommend that Bishop Thomson appoint Bro. J. L. Irwin as State Agent for the American Bible Society for West Virginia.

S. KING, *Chairman.*

On Observance of the Sabbath.

Report of the Committee on the observance of the Sabbath:

WHEREAS, The sanctity of the Sabbath is enforced by Divine command in the Old Testament, and confirmed in the New, it is our conviction that every effort should be made to promote its special observance. Therefore,

Resolved, That we as Christian ministers will preach on this subject in all our congregations, and enjoin its obligations upon all people in our intercourse with them, as a day "most holy unto the Lord," in which they should not only refrain from all secular pursuits, but also be found at some place of worship "in the spirit on the Lord's day."

B. F. ROGERS, *Chairman.*

Parsonages.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Parsonages, beg leave to submit the following report:

In looking over our last published Minutes, (the only data we had,) we find that, as the work then stood, there were twenty-eight charges furnished with parsonages, while there were thirty-eight charges which had none. These were distributed as follows: Morgantown District had six charges with, and seven without parsonages; Wheeling District had eight with, and five without; Clarksburg District had five with, and eight without; Parkersburg District had five with, and eight without; Charleston District, embracing what is now Charleston and Guyandotte Districts, had four with, and ten without. Of these twenty-eight parsonages, thus distributed over our work, some are utterly unfit for the purpose for which they were designed; while others are but imperfectly suited to the accommodation of the preacher's family. It is the deliberate conviction of your committee, that this state of things has seriously retarded our operations, both financially and spiritually. If each charge was furnished with a comfortable parsonage, the amount paid out in the form of rent could be added to the salary of the preacher, thus improving the finances of the charge; while it would remove much of the anxiety and embarrassment experienced by the preacher in regard to his family interests; thus giving opportunity for increased usefulness to the Church. We are aware that there are many objections made to building parsonages, (and not wholly without foundation,) in consequence of the changes made in the several charges, and these difficulties can not, perhaps, be entirely obviated, but we think may be, to a considerable extent.

We therefore offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st, That we earnestly recommend to all our people prompt and earnest effort in furnishing all our charges with comfortable houses, of sufficient capacity to accommodate any family of ordinary size.

Resolved, 2d, That the Presiding Elder of each District be requested to bring the matter before the Quartely Conference of those Circuits and Stations where there are no parsonages; and secure the appointment of a committee of judicious men, whose duty it shall be to select a suitable place for their parsonage, in view of future probable changes, so that it may not be rendered useless for this purpose by such changes; and to arrange the size and plan of such houses.

Respectfully submitted,

J. WESLEY WEBB,	} Committee.
R. M. WALLACE,	
W. H. SHAW.	

On Tobacco.

It is the opinion of your Committee that the use of tobacco is a habit to be greatly deplored, and they would, therefore, offer the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, The use of tobacco supplies no want placed in our nature by our Maker, and is an expense which Methodist preachers can ill afford, and is a habit which lessens our influence among the people; therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That all who do not use Tobacco are requested not to commence the practice.

Resolved, 2d, That those who feel that they can quit the use of it, be invited to make the attempt.

Resolved, 3d, That those who feel that the habit is too strong for victory over it; that what was a luxury merely has become a necessity, are exhorted not to defend the practice, but rather to warn men, lest those who are now free, become bound with this iron chain not easily broken.

T. H. MONROE,
T. H. TRAINER,
J. A. KIBBE. } *Committee.*

The following additional resolution was passed by the Conference.

Resolved, 4th, That applicants for admission on trial in this Conference, be required to pledge themselves to abstain from the use of tobacco.

A. MARTIN.

On the Pumphy Will.

The Committee to whom was referred the interests of the M. E. Church, in the will of N. Pumphy, deceased, would beg leave to report that the money donated in that will to the M. E. Church can not be collected until a decision is had in Court.

The Administrators have entered suit for the adjustment of the money, and signify their design to pay over the money according to the provisions of said will, as soon as collected.

D. H. K. DIX, *Committee.*

Church Extension Society.

Report of the Committee appointed at the previous session to report a Constitution for a Church Extension Society:

Resolved, 1. That we proceed to organize a Conference Church Extension Society, in accordance with the printed Constitution furnished by the Parent Society for its Auxiliaries.

2. That J. B. Blakeney be President for this year.

3. That J. D. Onins be Vice President.

4. That S. Steele be Secretary.

5. That F. Ball be Treasurer.

6. That the Presiding Elders be a Committee to prepare for the next Anniversary.

G. MARTIN,
J. L. IRWIN,
A. MARTIN, } *Committee.*

Report Concerning Centenary Fund of Pittsburgh Conference.

At your last session the undersigned was appointed a committee to solicit an interview on behalf of the Conference, with Alex. Bradley, Esq., Treasurer of the Centenary Fund Society, concerning certain alledged unpaid dividends accruing to this Conference, according to the plan agreed upon between this and the Pittsburgh Conference. While in Pittsburgh he called at Mr. Bradley's office, and in his absence from the city, laid the matter before his partner or chief clerk, Mr. W. Vankirk.

In a few days he received from him the following, which he presents to the Conference in connection with this statement as the result of his action in the premises.

A. MARTIN.

Catlettsburg Ky., March, 15th, 1867.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 16th, 1867.

REV. MARTIN,

DEAR SIR:—

Since Mr. Bradley's return I spoke to him about that claim of your Conference and he says that the Board have received nothing from that investment for several years past, but expect to have the loan fixed up this year, so that it will yield hereafter.

Yours Truly,

W. VANKIRK.

In connection with this subject, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That Dr. Martin be and is hereby appointed a Committee to look after and take care of our interest in the Centenary Fund, under the control of the Pittsburgh Annual Conference.

J. L. CLARK,

T. H. MONROE.

Resolutions.

BISHOP THOMSON'S OFFICIAL VISIT.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that at the first official visit of Bishop Thomson to our Conference we should express our appreciation of his services; therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That we are strongly impressed with the christian dignity and urbanity which have marked his general intercourse with us, the ability with which he has conducted the business of the Conference, and the evangelical excellence of his pulpit ministrations.

Resolved, 2d, That whenever in the order of episcopal visitations it shall be his lot to return to us, we shall heartily welcome him as our presiding officer.

A. MARTIN,
J. B. BLAKENEY.

Resolutions of Thanks.

Resolved, 1st, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to the families who have so kindly entertained us during our present session.

Resolved, 2d, That we also tender our thanks to our sister denominations for their courtesy in opening their churches for the occupancy of the members of this Conference.

A. MARTIN,
S. STEELE.

On Copies of Resolutions, &c.

Resolved, That the mover of every resolution and the chairman of every committee that reports to this Conference, are hereby required to furnish duplicates of such resolutions and reports, one for the Secretary and the other for the Publishing Committee; and that the Presiding Elders furnish the President, Secretary and Publishing Committee each with a copy of their District Statistics.

J. L. CLARK,
S. W. DAVIS.

On Brother Titchenel.

WHEREAS, Bro. Titchenel after an itinerant ministry in the Pittsburgh and West Virginia Conferences of over thirty eight years is about to retire from the effective work, and remove from amongst us; therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That we hereby commend him to the confidence of the ministry and membership of the Church where he may reside.

Resolved, 2d, That whenever he may return to us either as a visitor or to take work again we will cheerfully receive him.

Resolved, 3d, That a copy of this preamble and resolutions be signed by the President and Secretary of the Conference and forwarded to Bro. Titchenel.

J. L. CLARK,
J. B. BLAKENEY,

On Brother Stevens.

WHEREAS, It has been deemed necessary by Bishop Clark to transfer H. Stevens to another field of labor—in view of his faithful labors, and good standing among us as a Minister of the Gospel; therefore,

Resolved, That we cherish the most cordial christian love for, and confidence in our beloved brother H. Stevens, lately transferred to the *Tennessee Conference*, and if at any time he shall desire to return to our Conference, we will willingly receive him.

G. MARTIN,
F. BALL.

Rules of Order.

Resolved, That our rules of Order, and the Financial Plan of the Conference be published annually in the minutes.

J. L. CLARK,
J. B. BLAKENEY,

On the Sale of Church Property.

PINE GROVE CHURCH.

WHEREAS, The Quarterly Conference of Fishing Creek Mission has given its consent for the sale of the Church and lot of ground at Pine Grove for the purpose of securing a better situation; therefore,

Resolved by the West Va. Annual Conference, That consent is hereby given according to the Discipline providing for such sale.

J. L. CLARK.

MALDEN CHURCH.

Resolved, That this Conference concur in the recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of Malden Station, for the sale of the house and lot now used for religious service in said station.

R. A. ARTHUR.

WHITE OAK CHAPEL.

WHEREAS, The Trustees of White Oak Chapel, Putnam Circuit, have now a more commodious house of Worship; therefore,

Resolved, That this Conference authorize the Trustees of said Church to sell and convey the old premises for School purposes; the Quarterly Conference requesting it.

D. H. K. DIX.

On the Fraternal Greeting of the Methodist Protestant Conference.

After the reading of the Fraternal Greeting sent by Dr. Laishley, the Committee, on behalf of the West Virginia District Methodist Protestant Church, Dr. Martin and J. L. Irwin, were appointed a Committee to respond to the same, and the following resolutions were offered :

Resolved, That we regret the unavoidable absence of the Fraternal visitor *elect* of the Methodist Protestant Church, our beloved brother, Rev. P. T. Laishley, D. D.; that we cordially receive and highly appreciate his letter of fraternal greeting, and trust that these annual visitations may be continued as the best means of promoting Christian union and brotherly love.

Resolved, That it affords us great pleasure to learn that the subject of the union of all the Methodist bodies is being discussed, and as a Conference, we will rejoice when so desirable an end is accomplished.

On Collections for Superannuated Preachers, &c.

WHEREAS, A majority of the appointments make no report of Conference collections for superannuated preachers, &c.; and whereas we have many pressing claims upon us as a Conference; therefore

Resolved, 1st, That each Preacher be earnestly solicited to take up a collection in September next.

Resolved, 2d, That he be required to state the amount raised at the time of the passage of his character.

Conference Sermon.

Resolved That brother Ashford Hall, be requested to preach the Conference Sermon at our next session.

J. WESLEY WEBB,
J. B. BLAKENEY.

At a meeting of Ministers of the West Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church, held on board the steamer Hudson, March 21st, 1867, Rev. J. L. Clark, Chairman, Rev. S. Steele, Secretary, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz :

Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting are hereby given to Captain Russell, officers, &c. of the Hudson, and Captain Muhleman, officers, &c. of the Potomac, for their kind and gentlemanly entertainment of the members of the Conference to and from Catlettsburg, Ky.; and to the agents of both for reduction of fare; and that this resolution be published in the Wheeling Dailies and in our Conference minutes.

J. L. CLARK, *Chairman*,

S. STEELE, *Secretary*.

The meeting especially endorse the officers of the Hudson, and recommend their boat to the traveling public. J. L. CLARK,

On Missions.

The Committee on Missions report Appropriations as follows:

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

Smithton	\$175 00	Palatine	175 00
Grantsville	100 00	Grafton and Fetterman ..	150 00
St. George	50 00		
		Total	\$650 00

WHEELING DISTRICT.

South Wheeling	\$325 00	Pine Grove	75 00
New Martinsville	200 00		
		Total	\$600 00

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

Weston	\$150 00	Lumberport	125 00
Frenchton	100 00	Beverly	200 00
Philippi	125 00	Salem	150 00
Upshur	200 00	Bridgeport	200 00
Fairmont	100 00		
Marion	100 00	Total	\$1,450 00

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT

Parkersburg Circuit ..	\$175 00	Newark	175 00
Elizabeth and Burning Springs	175 00	West Union	125 00
Williamstown	150 00	Glenville	175 00
Murraysville	125 00	Spencer	175 00
Ripley	175 00	Calhoun	150 00
		Total	\$1,600 00

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

Malden	\$150 00	Coal River	100 00
Charleston Circuit	100 00	Cannelton	250 00
Raymond City	100 00	Summersville	100 00
Winfield	200 00	Webster	150 00
Buffalo	200 00	Braxton	100 00
Point Pleasant	150 00	Clay	100 00
Monticello	250 00		
		Total	\$1,950 00

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.

Guyandotte District--	\$300 00	Catlettsburg-----	200 00
Guyandotte-----	200 00	Paintsville-----	100 00
Lincoln-----	100 00	McGoffin-----	150 00
Boone and Logan----	100 00	Letcher-----	150 00
Wyoming & McDowel	200 00	Pikeville-----	200 00
Raleigh and Mercer--	100 00		
		Total-----	\$1,750 00

Total Appropriation-----\$8,000 00

A. J. LYDA, *Chairman*.

J. L. CLARK, *Secretary*.

I concur,

E. THOMPSON.

The Mission Committee apportions the \$6,000 assessed upon our Conference by the General Mission Committee for the support of Missions, as follows:

Morgantown District--	\$1,020 00	Charleston District---	620 00
Wheeling District----	1,900 00	Guyandotte District--	620 00
Clarksburg District---	1,020 00		
Parkersburg District--	820 00	Total-----	\$6,000 00

A. J. LYDA, *Chairman*.

J. L. CLARK, *Secretary*.

On Church Extension.

The Committee on Church Extension submit the following report:

The Church Extension Society has appropriated the sum of \$8,000 to our Conference upon the condition that the Conference shall raise the additional sum of \$2,000, making the whole sum to be appropriated \$10,000. Of which sum of \$2,000 to be raised, the following apportionment has been made upon the several Districts:

Morgantown-----	\$450 00	Charleston-----	200 00
Wheeling-----	450 00	Guyandotte-----	200 00
Clarksburg-----	400 00		
Parkersburg-----	300 00	Total-----	\$2,000 00

The whole amount of \$10,000 has been appropriated as follows:

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

Rice's-----	\$100 00	Grafton-----	1,700 00
Fish Creek-----	200 00	Rowlesburg-----	500 00
Portland-----	300 00		
		Total-----	\$2,800 00

WHEELING DISTRICT.

South Wheeling-----	\$500 00	Pine Grove-----	200 00
Cross Road-----	200 00		
		Total-----	\$900 00

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

Point Pleasant-----	\$100 00	Gilboa ..-----	150 00
Snatchburg-----	150 00	Claysville-----	150 00
Grass Run-----	150 00	Greenbrier-----	100 00
Union Church-----	150 00	Kislings-----	150 00
Philippi-----	150 00	Clarksburg-----	775 00
Buffalo-----	150 00		
		Total-----	\$2,175 00

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

Harrisville-----	\$150 00	Pleasant Hill-----	75 00
Hebron-----	150 00	Calhoun Court House--	200 00
Zion-----	200 00	Burning Spring-----	100 00
Buffalo-----	200 00		
Emory-----	200 00	Total-----	\$1,275 00

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

New Haven-----	\$100 00	Field's Creek-----	100 00
16 Church-----	150 00	Liberty-----	100 00
Buffalo-----	400 00	Ebenezer-----	100 00
Withrow's-----	50 00	Bethel-----	100 00
Dog Creek-----	100 00	Grassy-Creek-----	50 00
Morrison's Church---	50 00	Jordon's Creek-----	100 00
Simpson Church-----	50 00		
Walnut Grove-----	150 00	Total-----	\$1,900 00
Coal's Mouth-----	300 00		

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.

Barboursville-----	\$200 00	Paintsville-----	500 00
Catlettsburg-----	250 00		
		Total-----	\$950 00

Total Appropriation ----- \$10,000 00

The Committee also made the following apportionment of the \$200 assessed to our Conference for the expenses of Delegates to the next General Conference:

Morgantown District---	\$35 00	Charleston District----	25 00
Wheeling District-----	50 00	Guyandotte District----	25 00
Clarksburg District----	35 00		
Parkersburg District---	30 00	Total-----	\$200 00

A. J. LYDA, *Chairman.*

J. L. CLARK, *Secretary.*

Steward's Report, No. 2.

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.	CLAIMS.	REC'TS.	DEFIC- IENCIES	CON. COL.	TRAV. EXP.
Morgantown District.						
Morgantown Dist...	J. B. Blakeney..	1000 00	976 00	23 40	.....	.....
Morgantown Stat'n.	B. Ison.....	700	700	.....	20 00	.....
Morgantown Circ't.	J. M. Powell...	700	700	.....	.....	12 00
Smithtown.....	W. D. Carrico.	450	423 85	26 15	2 60	.....
Monongalia.....	J. W. Webb.....	700	700	.....	5 10	.....
Monongalia.....	J. F. Bracken..	175	175	.....	.....	.....
Brandonville.....	R. Loughlin....	405	367 50	37 50	.....	.....
Grantsville.....	J. B. Feather...	575	505	70	.....	25
Kingwood.....	W. C. Wilson..	565	565	.....	.....	.....
Oakland.....	C. King.....	539	474 27	64 73	16 74	.....
St. George.....	J. T. Davis.....	255	196	59	1	.....
Evansville.....	M. Allen.....	600	600	.....	5	.....
Graft'n & Fetterm'n	S. King.....	550	550	.....	3 75	.....
Palatine.....	C. Conner.....	546	394	151 13	75	6
Knottsville.....	J. J. Dolliver...	400	400	.....	.....	.....
Blacksville.....	L. D. Casto....	500	484 84	15 16	16 50	.....
Blacksville.....	W. W. Kelley..	200	193 93	6 07	.....	.....
	Total.....	8860 00	8406 89	453 14	71 44	43 00
Wheeling District.						
Wheeling District..	J. L. Clark.....	1200 00	1200 00	.....	.....	.....
" Fourth st.	Alex. Martin...	1500	1500	.....	122 06	.....
" North st.	Gideon Martin.	800	800	.....	11 00	.....
" Island.....	J. A. Kibbe....	817 42	817 40	.....	44 70	.....
" Zane st....	F. Ball.....	900	912	.....	25	12 00
" Chap. st....	Samuel Steele...	900	900	.....	60	20
South Wheeling...	T. H. Trainer..	900	900	.....	11	.....
Marshall.....	E. W. ayman.	584	584	.....	.....	.....
Moundsville.....	T. B. Hughes...	550	568	.....	19	.....
New Martinsville..	B. F. Rogers...	600	438 58	161 42	2 30	.....
Mannington.....	M. V. B. White	500	500	.....	12	.....
Green.....	No report.	.....	.....	.....	2	.....
Grave Creek.....	R. M. Wallace.	600	559 34	40 66	36 53	.....
Grave Creek.....	J. A. Rogers...	150	139 66	10 33	.....	.....
Salem and Sandhill.	W. F. Cannan.	500	500	.....	25 50	.....
Triadelphia.....	M. Tichenell...	550	550	.....	6 85	.....
Short C'k & Liberty.	W. R. Howe....	.....	.....	.....	18	.....
	Total.....	11051 42	10868 99	212 41	375 97	32 00
Clarksburg District.						
Clarksburg District.	A. J. Lyda.....	1000 00	965 00	35 00	.....	.....
Clarksburg Station.	A. Hall.....	750	635 50	14 50	.....	20 00
West Milford.....	J. M. Warden..	700	570 23	129 77	5	10
West Milford.....	A. Rider.....	125	125	.....	.....	.....
Weston.....	S. W. Davis...	435	416	19	9	.....
Frenchton.....	T. M. Leslie...	620	536 09	83 91	5 50	.....
Pruntytown.....	R. H. Wallace.	500	333 57	166 43	14 68	.....
Pruntytown.....	M. W. Rider...	160	108 50	51 50	.....	.....
Philippi.....	R. Northcraft..	575	531 75	43 25	.....	.....
Buckhannon Stat'n.	J. W. Reger...	500	500	.....	.....	.....

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.	CLAIMS.	RECT'S.	DEFIC- IENCIES	CON. COL.	TRAV. EXP.
Clarksburg District.						
Buckhannon Circ't.	A. A Reger.....	650	607 80	42 20	17 15	.....
Upshur.....	T. M. Hartley..	500	206 25	293 75	.....	.....
"	A. Reeder.....	125	121 15	3 85	.....	.....
Fairmont Station....					4	.....
Marion.....	H. C. Sandford	500	425	75	.....	.....
Lumberport.....	D. Cool.....	500	408 50	91 50	.....	.....
Beverly.....	G. Rogers.....	500	334 50	165 50	.....	.....
Salem.....	E. Ford.....	500	500	.....	.....	.....
Bridgeport	S. Harris.....	300	300	.....	.....	.....
	Total.....	8940 00	7624 84	1315 16	55 33	30 00
Parkersburg District.						
Parkersburg Dist...	T.H.MonroePE	1100 00	1020 00	80	.....	100 00
" Sta....	G.W.Richm'nd	1000	1000	.....	17 00	.....
" Mis'n.	J. D. Onins....	.....	.....	.....	6 50	.....
Elizabeth & Burn- ing Spring.....	S.B.D.Prichett.	150	142 20	7 80	1 50	.....
Wirt.....	W. D. Warman	400	300 16	99 84	.....	.....
Williamstown.....	W.L. Hindman	600	447 46	152 50	11 60	.....
Murrayville.....	A. J. Lyon.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ripley.....	D. S. Benedum	450	305 10	144 90	.....	.....
Harrisville.....	S. E. Steele....	740	700	41	9	.....
"	R. Highleyman	100	100	.....	.....	.....
Newark.....	F. H. J. King..	500	360	140	10	.....
West Union.....	C. H. Lakin....	456	456	.....	50	.....
Middlebourne.....	V. Sandford....	500	450	50	.....	.....
Sistersville.....	E.L.Nicholds'n	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Glenville.....	L. Newbanks....	200	200	.....	.....	.....
Spencer.....	E. J. Johnson..	300	193 90	106 10	.....	.....
Calhoun.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total.....	6497 00	5674 82	822 18	103 60	100 00
Charleston Distric.						
Charleston District.	R. A. Arthur...	1300 00	1045 00	255 00	.....	.....
" Station..	W.E.Will'ms'n	800	800	.....	.....	.....
" Circuit...	A. W. Greeg...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Malden.....	E. B. Blundon.	500	385 60	114 40	.....	.....
Pocatalico.....	G. W. Matheny	225	172 91	52 09	1 00	.....
Putnam.....	D. H. K. Dix..	400	187 70	212 30	2	.....
Buffalo.....	C. W. Swartz...	450	105 80	344 20	1 50	.....
Point Pleasant....	G. Monroe.....	500	282 80	217 20	.....	.....
Hartford City.....	E. W. Ryan.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....
Monticello.....	Eli McGuire....	200	60	140	.....	.....
Cannelton.....	B. Darlington..	550	350 75	199 25	2	32 65
Summersville.....	F.G.M.Hughes.	130	101 48	28 52	.....	.....
Braxton & Webster.	C. H. Conway...	208 98	208 98	.....	2	.....
Elk River.....	F. S. Smith....	500	500	.....	.....	.....
	Total.....	5763 98	4201 02	1562 96	14 50	32 65
Guyandotte District.						
Guyandotte Dist....	H.D.Rice,P.E.	1000 00	524	476 00	.....	.....
" Cir	S. D. Jones.....	600	315 75	284 25	2	.....
Catlettsburg.....	S. Hitchens....	800	550	250	6	.....
Ashland & Green- upsburg.....	W. H. Duke....	350	350	.....	.....	.....
Coalton.....	W. H. Shaw....	800	375	425	5	.....
Wayne.....	J. Kelly.....	400	200	200	.....	.....

APPOINTMENTS.	PREACHERS.	CLAIMS.	REC'TS.	DEFICIENCIES	CON. COL.	TRAV. EXP.
Guyandotte District.						
Logan	B. Hagar.....					
Boone	R. Hagar.....	400 00	195 00	305 00		
Wyoming and McDowell.....						
Paintsville.....	M. L. King.....	700	261 02	438 98	1 50	
Louisa.....	A. R. Crislip..	800	425	375	8	
Floyd and Pike.....						
Morgan & McGoffin.....						
Total.....		5850 00	3195 77	2654 23	22 50	

Recapitulation.

DISTRICT.	CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.	DEFICIENCIES.	CONF'CE COL'S.	TRAV'NG EXPEN'S
Morgantown.....	8860 00	8406 88	388 41	71 44	43 00
Wheeling	11051 42	10868 99	212 41	375 97	32
Clarksburg.....	8940 00	7624 84	1315 16	55 53	30
Parkersburg.....	6497 00	5674 82	822 18	103 60	100
Charleston.....	5763 98	4201 02	1562 96	14 50	32 65
Guyandotte	5850 00	3195 77	2654 23	22 50	
	46962 40	39972 32	6955 35	584 54	217 65

J. M. POWELL, *Chairman.*

Steward's Report, No. 3.

The Stewards estimate the amount necessary to meet the claims of the superannuated preachers, widows and orphans, for the ensuing year at \$2,500 00. Apportioned as follows:

Morgantown District.....	\$475 00	Charleston District.....	300 00
Wheeling District.....	650 00	Guyandotte District.....	200 00
Clarksburg District	475 00		
Parkersburg District.....	400 00	Total.....	\$2500 00

J. M. POWELL, *Chairman.*

For Steward's Report No. 1, see Disciplinary questions.

Amount of Centenary money from the various Districts:

Wheeling District.....	\$54,181 37	Charleston District.....	561 85
Morgantown District.....	3,978 85	Guyandotte District.....	987 97
Clarksburg District.....	8,340 30		
Parkersburg District.....	1,954 50	Total.....	\$70,004 84

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MINUTES OF WEST VA. CONFERENCE

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.					BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			
	Members.	Deaths.	Probat'ners.	L. Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference Claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday S. Union.		Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.
MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.																				
Morgantown Station.....	190	3	19	2	7	12	1	\$10,000	1	\$2,000	\$20 00	\$24 00	\$ 6 41	\$ 1 50	\$4 00		1	24	201	350
Morgantown Circuit.....	285	2	47	1	4	7	3	4,000				15 00					5	62	215	645
Smithtown.....	160		60	2			4	1,200			2 00						6	47	277	902
Monongalia.....	646	8	43	3	90	13	7	5,000	1	1,000	5 10	53 20					10	125	750	1,000
Brandenville.....	364		74	3			4	4,000	1	200		4 00					4	95	415	751
Grantsville.....	233	3	20	3		30	4	1,800		225		9 00					5	42	165	1,000
Kingwood.....	410	5	40	1	42	16	4	3,000	1	500							8	85	300	1,000
Oakland.....	468	3	8	2	10	6	6	4,500	1	430	16 16	40 66	4 00	20 00	1 75		9	65	526	1,079
St. George.....	226	7	59		14	10	5	1,500			1 00	9 40					9	71	250	568
Evansville.....	323	10	107	1	25	43	5	3,900	1	500	5 00	20 00		2 00	2 50		4	49	232	700
Grafton and Fetterman.....	104	8	41		21	18	2	1,500			3 75	22 00			2 70		2	21	170	1,000
Palatine.....	228	3	12	6	20	9	5	6,000			70	15 25		8 10			5	49	225	629
Knottsville.....	273		75	3	10	19	3	1,800				5 00		6 00			4	35	150	560
Blacksville.....	511	2	104	3	95	5	6	4,600	1	450	16 50	40 10					8	95	430	965
Total.....	4523	54	709	31	346	194	59	\$51,900	8	\$5,305	\$70 81	\$47 61	\$10 41	\$63 55	\$10 45		80	866	43,06	11,149
WHEELING DISTRICT.																				
Wheeling Fourth Street.....	321	17	39	1	15	27	1	30,000	1	5,000	123 06	318 25	10 00				1	37	290	1,177
Wheeling North Street.....	163	1	29		5	14		6,000	1	1,200	11 00	140 50	2 00	5 00	2 00		3	56	318	1,120
Wheeling Island.....	78	2			8	10	1	3,000			44 73	245 00	1 57	21 72			1	17	173	860
Wheeling Zane Street.....	130	4	125	1	10	15	1	15,000			25 00	50 00	4 00	31 00	10 00		1	36	250	690
Wheeling Chapline Street.....	171	9	39	2		12	1	5,800	1	1,500	60 00	243 62		11 88	4 10		1	25	200	359
South Wheeling.....	66	1	13	1		17	1	1,000			11 00	23 50					1	32	230	510
Marshall.....	285	3	120	3	10	20	5	4,300	1	200		60 00					5	60	280	1,200
Moundsville.....	166	1	5	2	8	10	1	5,000	1	800	19 00	67 40					1	20	150	500
New Martinsville.....	181	3	35	3	20	8	4	2,000			2 27	7 39		50	17 40	1 00	5	63	227	544
Fishing Creek Mission.....	127		124	3	24	18	2	4,000			2 00	4 00					2	22	72	400
Mannington.....	222		145	4	13	6	9	4,000	1	500	12 00	9 00					3	40	250	450
Greene.....	219	2	25	2	10	5	3	800	1	100							5	36	160	500
Grave Creek.....	283		53		58	15	6	5,100			36 53	80 20	7 08		7 13		9	80	253	1,106
Salem and Sandhill.....	269	3	75	1	30	23	3	3,000			25 50	30 50					2	15	135	300
Triadelphia.....	157	2	46		30	15	3	6,500	1	400	6 86	41 00					2	15	107	292
Short Creek and Liberty.....	163	4	13		3	1	2	3,000	1	500	18 02						2	20	190	125
Total.....	3009	53	904	24	250	216	44	\$94,725	9	\$10,200	\$396 97	\$1321 36	\$25 15	\$88 00	24 23		44	574	32,87	10,124

*\$50,00 Church extension money from T. H. List, Esq.

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	L. Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday S. Union.	For Centenary Fund.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volume in Library.
CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.																				
Clarksburg Station.....	105	1	76	3	10	2						\$30 86		\$19 00		\$4,462 75	2	20	157	429
West Milford.....	450	3	160	5	35	4	8	\$6,300	1	\$600	\$5 00	20 00		18 00			2	35	200	500
Weston.....	243	3	63	5	7	20	3	1,600	1	500	9 00	20 30				156 00	8	90	456	1470
Pruntytown.....	440	6	100	5	75	10	7	8,000	1	250	14 68	14 60				1,000 00	8	100	300	700
Phillippi.....	275	2	38	6	15	13	7	5,000	1	750		17 00					8	60	325	680
Buckhannon Station.....	125	2	75				5	3,000				15 00				800 00				
Buckhannon Circuit.....	303	1	102	4	12	12	6	3,500			8 75	15 00		2 00	\$2 00		7	62	235	545
Marion.....	274	1	40		6	4	6	3,500	1	500		6 00		43 25		165 00	5	40	175	400
Lumberport.....	230		62	3	10		7	1,800									4	20	110	170
Frenchton.....	416	4	57	7	17	8	7	6,000			5 50	18 00				218 55	6	60	300	1050
Upshur.....	188		115	1	20	15	4	1,000				2 50					2	20	80	160
Fairmont Station.....	105		59	2			1	6,000	1	600						855 00	1	17	85	350
Bridgport.....	54		36	1			2	600									2	14	90	150
Beverly.....	169	5	11	1	22	8	4	2,300								450 00	4	44	133	189
Salem.....	140		30				3	2,100									2	20	60	270
Total.....	2517	33	1024	43	229	92	70	\$50,800	6	\$3,100	\$42 93	\$160 25		\$102 25	\$2 00	\$8,107 30	63	585	2391	6713
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.																				
Parkersburg Station.....	190	2	68	4	23	8	1	\$15,000	1	\$4,000	\$18 00	\$76 00		\$31 00			1	25	150	530
Parkersburg Mission.....	13		1								6 50	65 00					1	18	78	150
Elizabeth and Burning Springs.....	27	1	17		3	2	1	800			1 50						3	20	60	200
Wirt Circuit.....	120	1	86	2			4	600				11 00					4	30	112	515
Williamstown.....	158	1	4	3			5	2,500	1	800		7 00			1 30		2	30	175	450
Murrayville.....	235	6	46	4	64	34	1	800	1	600		8 00		2 00			2	30	180	520
Ripley.....	100	11	80	2								5 00					2	12	60	200
Harrisville.....	512	2	245	15	30	23	9	5,400	1	1,000	9 00	70 00	\$1 00	\$1 00			10	40	475	1000
Newark.....	100		60		2	2	1	100			10 00	2 00			2 15		5	25	130	250
West Union.....	253	9	109	3	38		4	1,800			50 00	25 00					2	78	300	900
Middlebourne.....	400	2	100	4			8	6,000	1	1,000							7	34	308	1000
Sistersville.....												30 60								
Glenville.....	138	6	32				4	2,500									5	47	160	365
Spencer.....	316	1	105	4	40	5											1	22	1006	
Calhoun.....	114	2	313	1	15	3	2	400				3 00					4	22	1006	
Total.....	2766	42	1166	42	219	77	40	\$33,900	6	\$8,000	\$106 60	\$302 60	\$1 00	\$34 30	\$3 15		62	416	3194	6080

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MINUTES OF WEST VA. CONFERENCE

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				
	Members.	Deaths.	Probab'ners.	L.Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference Claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday S. Union.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.
CHARLESTON DISTRICT.																			
Charleston Station.....	147	4	6	3	2	3	1	\$7,000	.....	.....	\$3 50	\$25 00	\$2 00	\$10 00	\$2 00	1	20	100	500
" Circuit.....	260	1	152	2	5	.....	1	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	16	400	300
Malden Station.....	60	1	102	2	.....	.....	1	3,000	1	\$400	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	1	16	400	300
Pocatalico Circuit.....	267	4	92	3	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	8	45	192	400
Putnam ".....	200	1	6	2	12	3	4	3,000	.....	.....	2 00	7 00	.....	.....	.....	1	5	50	100
Buffalo ".....	117	1	117	1	17	3	4	400	.....	.....	1 50	19 30	75	1 15	.....	3	30	125	475
Pt.Pleasant ".....	114	2	21	3	15	1	3	5,500	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hartford City ".....	178	3	151	3	9	31	1	4,000	.....	.....	6 00	21 00	.....	.....	.....	4	59	300	1,140
Monticello ".....	118	1	100	3	16	1	1	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	1	7	400	100
Cannelton ".....	337	7	151	10	46	7	4	1,200	.....	.....	2 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	4	36	132	.....
Summersville.....	270	2	75	4	2	13	5	300	1	75	3 45	3 50	.....	.....	.....	4	24	139	.....
Braxton and Webster Circuit.....	164	3	233	3	2	3	2	1,600	.....	.....	2 00	5 50	3 05	2 00	1 35	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elk River Circuit.....	276	.....	500	4	.....	.....	1	200	1	100	.....	2 50	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	2508	29	1706	42	126	70	31	\$26,700	3	\$575	\$21 45	\$100 30	\$12 12	\$47 13	\$6 36	27	242	1838	3,015
GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.																			
Guyandotte.....	66	1	66	.....	2	.....	2	\$4,200	.....	.....	\$1 55	\$1 64	.....	.....	.....	1	8	60	150
Catlettsburg.....	84	1	46	.....	3	3	1	3,000	1	\$1,000	6 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	3	20	160	400
Ashland and Greensburg.....	76	.....	15	1	5	1	1	2,000	.....	.....	.....	11 50	.....	.....	.....	2	12	62	100
Coalton.....	103	1	71	2	3	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	13 60	.....	.....	\$2 00	4	26	134	493
Wayne.....	235	1	125	.....	84	3	1	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	125	.....
Logan.....	200	.....	60	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Boone.....	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wyoming and McDowell.....	150	.....	50	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Louisa.....	337	8	809	14	73	3	3	3,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Paintsville.....	232	2	76	6	10	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	8	72	540	2,400
Floyd and Pike.....	60	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	22	100	250
Morgan and McGoffin.....	70	.....	40	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Letcher.....	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sandy.....	20	.....	30	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hamline.....	200		60	4															
Total.....	2123	14	1448	35	180	79	8	\$13,100	1	\$1,000	\$12 55	\$39 74			\$2 00	25	160	1185	3,793

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RECAPITULATION.	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.				BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	L. Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference Claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday S. Union.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.
DISTRICTS.																			
Morgantown.....	4523	54	709	31	346	194	59	\$51,900	8	\$5,305	\$70 81	\$477 61	\$10 41	\$63 55	\$10 45	80	866	4206	11149
Wheeling.....	3009	33	904	24	250	216	44	94,725	9	10,200	386 97	1321 36	25 15	99 03	24 23	44	574	3187	10124
Parkersburg.....	3016	47	1266	46	230	80	44	36,400	6	8,000	116 60	302 60	1 00	49 30	3 15	67	449	3414	6420
Charleston.....	3508	29	1706	42	126	70	31	26,700	3	575	21 45	100 30	12 12	47 13	6 35	27	242	1838	3015
Clarksburg.....	3517	33	1024	43	229	92	67	12,100	6	5,100	42 93	160 26	.....	102 25	2 00	63	585	2391	9713
Guyandotte.....	2123	14	1478	35	180	77	8	13,100	1	1,000	12 55	39 74	.....	.....	2 00	25	160	1185	3793
Total.....	19696	230	7087	221	1361	729	253	\$234,925	33	\$28,180	\$651 31	\$2401 86	\$48 68	\$361 23	\$48 18	306	2876	16321	41214
Total last year.....	14829	190	5428	170	708	544	252	206,000	28	26,855	906 60	3971 45	\$3 90	.....	70 07	225	2211	11610	33266
Increase.....	3617	45	1659	51	643	185	1	\$28,925	5	\$1,325	.....	.....	\$14 78	.....	\$321 89	81	665	4491	7948
Decrease.....											\$245 29	\$1569 59	.....	.....	.....				

FINANCIAL PLAN

**As Amended and Adopted by the West Virginia
Annual Conference, March 19th, 1863.**

PART I.

1. A meeting of the Stewards and Preacher, or Preachers in each Circuit or Station shall be held on the third Saturday after the close of each Annual Conference; the place of holding the meeting to be designated by the last Quarterly Conference of the year.

2. It shall be the duty of the Stewards at this meeting to make an estimate of the amount necessary to furnish house rent, fuel, traveling and moving expenses and support for the families of the Preacher or Preachers appointed to labor for them; and it shall be the duty of this meeting to divide the whole amount among the several classes of the Circuit or Station according to their number, circumstances and privileges.

3. It shall be the duty of this meeting to district the Circuit or Station among the Stewards, giving each his proportion of the classes to attend during the year.

4. It shall be the duty of each Steward, as soon as the estimate shall have been made, to inform each class within his district of the amount apportioned to them; whereupon each class shall appoint a committee of their own number, consisting of five members, including the Leader and Steward of the class, who shall, as soon thereafter as practicable, assign to each member of the class the amount which, in the judgment of said committee, each member ought, according to his or her respective ability, to pay quarterly for the support of the Gospel in the Circuit or Station, so that the entire sum apportioned by the Stewards to that class shall be provided for, which amount so ascertained shall be read to the class at the next regular meeting of the class.

5. It shall be the duty of each Leader, or Class Steward, to see that this amount is regularly collected and placed in the hands of the Stewards or Preachers weekly or quarterly.

6. It shall be the duty of the Stewards to circulate a subscription paper for the support of the Gospel, at all the appointments where it may be deemed expedient, among those persons who are not members of the Church, but are in the habit of attending upon our ministry.

7. It shall be the duty of each Presiding Elder in every Quarterly Conference of his District to have the name of each Leader called by the Secretary, and at the same time report the apportionment of his class, the amount received, and the deficiency, if any; to inquire if there be any of our members who refuse to contribute

to the support of the Gospel; and, if any, their reasons for thus refusing. If their excuses are not satisfactory, it shall be the duty of the Steward of that District or Circuit, or Station, or the Preacher in charge, to visit them, and try to convince them of the great evil that must result from such a principle if carried out.

8. It shall be the duty of the Stewards at every quarterly meeting to make a report to all the members present of the state of the finances of the Circuit or Station, stating the amount received, and the deficiency, if any, of each class.

9. It shall be the duty of the Leader of every class that may be reported deficient, to inform his class immediately after the Quarterly meeting of the amount of their deficiencies individually.

10. Each Presiding Elder is respectfully requested to inform this Conference, when he represents his District, whether this financial system has been attended to in all his charges.

11. The Presiding Elders are required at the first Quarterly meeting of this year in each Circuit and Station to bring the subject before the Conference, that the Stewards may be confirmed as the Estimating Committee, provided for in the Discipline.

12. The last Quarterly Conference of this year is requested to appoint the Stewards an Estimating Committee for the ensuing year, in conformity with the Discipline.

PART II.—CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

The Board of Conference Stewards shall hereafter be constituted by the appointment of one *preacher* and one *layman*, with an alternate from each Presiding Elders' District, in the following manner: The former by nomination and election, as heretofore; the latter by a majority of votes cast in his favor at the annual meeting of the Districts' Stewards. Each lay Steward thus elected shall receive a certificate of his election, signed by the President and Secretary of the meeting. He shall have a home provided for him at the seat of Conference, with the privilege of sitting within the bar, and of participating in the discussion of any question of finance that may be brought before the Conference.

The joint Board thus constituted shall receive and distribute the funds under the direction of the Conference.

PART III.

1. At each session of the Conference the Conference Stewards shall make an estimate of the amount necessary to assist "all the superannuated Preachers, and the widows and children of deceased Preachers, in obtaining a comfortable support," and to apportion the same among the different Districts, according to their several ability.

2. Each Presiding Elder shall report to the District Steward's meeting, which fixes his own claim, the amount apportioned by the Conference Stewards to his District, and request the said meeting to divide the same among the Circuits and Stations of the District,

according to their several ability; but if in any District, no District Steward's meeting shall be held, then the Presiding Elder of that District and any two Preachers and five Stewards, whom he may select, shall apportion the required sum among the several charges, according to their several ability.

3. It shall be the duty of each Preacher in charge to collect, if possible, in such manner as the Quarterly Conference may deem best, the amount apportioned to his charge, and to transmit the same to the Conference Stewards, and report it as money raised for superannuated Preachers, widows and orphans.

4. All the money so raised shall be distributed by the Conference Stewards among the superannuated Preachers and the widows and orphans who have claims upon the Conference funds, according to their several necessities.

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RULES OF ORDER

ADOPTED FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE

West Virginia Annual Conference.

1. The Conference shall meet at 9 o'clock, A. M., and adjourn at 12, M.
2. The President shall take the Chair precisely at the hour to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer; and shall have the minutes of the preceding day read and approved.
3. He shall see that all business appertaining to the Conference be brought forward, and conducted as directed by the Discipline.
4. He shall preserve order in all proceedings; and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of such an appeal, the question shall be taken without debate.
5. He shall plainly state every question, and put the same to vote whenever called for; and all motions or resolutions introduced by any member, shall be reduced to writing, if the President, Secretary, or any member, request it.
6. When a motion or resolution is made and recorded, or a report presented and read by the Secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference; but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover before decision or amendment.
7. No new motion shall be made until the one under consideration is disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection; unless one of the following should intervene, (which motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are placed, viz: Indefinite postponement, or to a limited time, to amend, or to lie on the table.
8. Every speaker, on any one subject, shall rise and address the President, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the question, or from the rule and decorum of the Conference.

9. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice upon the same question, nor more than fifteen minutes at once, unless he obtain leave of the Conference, which shall be decided by vote, without debate.

10. If in debate, one member misrepresents the arguments of another, the member who is misrepresented shall have the liberty to rise and explain, and the other shall remain silent until such explanation be given.

11. When any member conceives that another is out of order, he may call the attention of the President to the case.

12. When speaking, each member shall have due regard to the feelings of his brethren, by avoiding irritating language and personal reflections.

13. When any motion or resolution shall have passed, it shall be in order for any person who voted in the majority, to move for a reconsideration.

14. No member shall absent himself from the services of the Conference without leave of the Conference, unless he be sick or unable to attend.

15. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar at the time when the question is put by the President, except by leave of the Conference; and every member who shall be within the bar at the time the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Conference, for special reasons, excuse him.

16. No motion shall be considered unless seconded.

17. The Secretary of the Conference shall keep a journal of all the proceedings, and, when approved, shall record the same in a book provided for that purpose. He shall call the list at the opening of each session, noting the absentees, unless the call shall be dispensed with by order of the Conference. He shall take charge of the journals and all Conference papers, keep them safe and have them forwarded to the place of the Conference sessions.

18. He shall allow no copy of papers, or extracts from the journal of the Conference to be taken, without the leave of the Conference.

19. No Preacher shall bring any charge against any member of the Conference until he has first given information of the same, either by letter or otherwise, so as the accused may have an opportunity of defense.

20. The President shall appoint all committees not otherwise specially ordered by the Conference.

21. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

MINUTES.

THE WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church, commenced its Twenty-first Annual Session in Moundsville, West Virginia, March 11th, 1868—Bishop C. Kingsley, presiding.

Secretaries—S. Steele, J. W. Webb, S. W. Davis.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—B. Ison.

Board of Stewards, Ministerial—F. Ball, R. M. Wallace, A. Hall, S. E. Steele, B. Darlington, M. L. King.

Board of Stewards, Lay—E. J. Stone, N. Goff.

On Necessitous Cases—The Board of Stewards.

On Missions—The Presiding Elders.

On Education—W. Hunter, J. A. Kibbe, H. C. Sanford, G. W. Arnold, E. W. Ryan, J. D. Onins, W. R. White.

On Sunday Schools—S. Hitchens, E. L. Nicholson, S. W. Davis.

On Parsonages—J. W. Webb, W. E. Williamson, E. C. Wayman.

On Periodicals—W. C. Wilson, R. H. Wallace, T. H. Trainer, S. King.

On Tract Cause—T. M. Hartley, J. J. Dolliver, W. H. Shaw.

On Bible Cause—T. M. Leslie, A. R. Crislip, C. Conner.

On Temperance—T. B. Hughes, E. Ford, J. B. Feather.

On State of the Church and Country—G. Martin, G. W. Richmond, J. M. Warden, J. M. Powell, W. Hunter.

On Observance of Sabbath—M. Allen, A. A. Reger.

On Tobacco—J. A. Kibbe, T. H. Monroe, B. Ison.

To Audit Accounts of Presiding Elders—J. L. Irwin, M. V. B. White, H. C. Sanford, G. W. Arnold.

On Church Extension—The Presiding Elders.

On Memoirs—W. C. Wilson, J. B. Feather, S. E. Steele.

On Publication of Minutes—J. L. Clark, W. M. Mullenix, F. Ball, A. J. Lyda.

To Collect Funds for Publication of Minutes—L. D. Casto, J. A. Kibbe, D. Cool, C. H. Lakin, C. H. Conway, S. Hitchens.

On Distribution of Conference Funds—The Board of Stewards, and G. Martin, W. Hunter, M. Titchenell.

To Collect Funds for Delegates to General Conference—M. Titchenell.

On Lay Representation—M. Titchenell, F. Ball, W. Hunter.

On Post Offices—H. C. Sanford, M. V. B. White.

On Boundaries—H. D. Rice, J. L. Irwin, J. D. Onins.

Wheeling Female College—J. L. Clark, W. M. Mullenix, G. Martin, J. W. Webb, F. Ball, A. J. Lyda, M. V. B. White.

Board of Stewards—J. D. Onins, F. Ball, W. E. Williamson, S. E. Steele, E. W. Ryan, S. King.

To Nominate Committees for Adoption Next Conference.—The Presiding Elders.

On R. Hagar's Case—S. Hitchens, M. L. King, A. Martin.

On L. Parke's Case.—J. L. Irwin, M. Allen, J. J. Dolliver.

Committees of Examination for 1869.

To Examine Candidates for Admission on Trial—The Presiding Elder and Preacher in charge.

First Year—M. V. B. White, J. B. Feather, R. H. Wallace.

Second Year—A. Hall, E. W. Ryan, S. E. Steele.

Third Year—J. M. Warden, M. Allen, S. D. Jones.

Fourth Year—J. M. Powell, T. M. Leslie, S. King.

Local Preachers for Deacon's Orders—J. J. Dolliver, B. Darlington, L. D. Casto.

Local Preachers for Elder's Orders—W. L. Hindman, A. B. Smith, D. Cool.

To Preach Missionary Sermon—A. J. Lyda.

Alternate—J. M. Powell.

Disciplinary Questions.

Question I. Who are admitted on trial?

Answer. J. Riley Weaver, Wilbur F. Poor, John N. Eckess, Winfield C. Snodgrass, William E. Loomis, John P. Farmer, Lewis H. Jordan, Francis M. Hughes—8.

Q. II. Who remain on trial?

A. R. R. Highleyman, B. A. Stubbins, J. P. Coleman, S. B. D. Prickett, W. D. Carrico.

Q. III. Who are admitted into full connection, and ordained Deacons?

A. W. F. Cannan, W. W. Kelly, M. W. Rider, G. Rogers, J. T. Davis, C. H. Conway, C. W. Swartz, E. B. Blundin, J. M. Rife, D. S. Benedum—10.

Q. IV. Who are the Deacons?

A. First Class—W. F. Cannan, W. W. Kelly, M. W. Rider, G. Rogers, C. H. Conway, C. W. Swartz, E. B. Blundin, J. M. Rife, D. S. Benedum.

Second Class—G. W. Matheny, J. A. Kibbe, T. M. Heartley, C. H. Lakin, J. S. P. Carroll.

Q. V. Who are elected and ordained Elders this year?

A. D. Meredith, a local Deacon, was elected and ordained.

Q. VI. Who have located this year?

A. J. T. Davis—1.

Q. VII. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

A. R. L. Woodyard, A. Stevens, J. L. Sanford, J. W. W. Bolton, M. Titchenell, D. H. K. Dix, A. W. Gregg, L. Parke, D. A. McGinnis, R. Hagar, W. R. Howe, F. H. J. King, J. A. Williams—13.

Q. VIII. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

A. A. B. Rohrbaugh, J. Birkett, A. Dixon, R. L. Brooks, G. Jones, F. Guthrie, P. Green, J. B. West, V. Sanford, G. Monroe—10.

Q. IX. Who have been expelled this year?

A. None.

Q. X. Who have withdrawn this year?

A. None.

Q. XI. Who have died this year?

A. W. R. Carroll, W. D. Warman—2.

Q. What is the number of Church Members, Probationers and Local Preachers?

A. Members,	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,002
Probationers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,957
Local Preachers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	252
Traveling and Sup.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	99

Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,300
Total last year,	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,093

Increase,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,207
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Q. What amounts are necessary for Superannuated Preachers, the widows and orphans of Preachers, and to make up the deficiency of those who have not received their regular allowance from the Circuits?

A. \$9,576 03.

Q. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

A. From Circuits and Stations,	-	-	-	-	-	\$873 00
Donation from Miss Jane B. Moore,	-	-	-	-	-	10 00
Interest from money in the hands of Bro. Steele,	-	-	-	-	-	8 50
Chartered Fund,	-	-	-	-	-	27 00

Total,	-	-	-	-	-	\$918 50
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Which has been applied as follows:

R. L. Brooks,	-	-	\$160 00	C. W. Swartz,	-	-	24 50
F. Guthrie,	=	-	135 00	F. H. J. King,	-	-	28 50
P. Green,	-	-	125 00	D. Cool,	-	-	19 50
A. Dixon,	-	-	125 00	M. L. King,	-	-	20 00
Widow Warman,	-	-	125 00	B. F. Rogers,	-	-	10 00
" Vandervoort,	-	-	75 00	B. Darlington,	-	-	10 00
" Burns,	-	-	20 00	B. A. Stubbins,	-	-	10 00
" Battelle,	-	-	20 00				
R. R. Highleyman,	-	-	10 00				\$918 50

Q. What has been collected for the support of Missions; and what for the Sunday School Union; and for the American Bible Society; and for the circulation of Tracts:

A. For Missions, from Circuits and Stations, \$2,858 70

Avails of Anniversary Preachers' Subscriptions, &c.,	-	-	-	-	-	115 35
						\$2,974 05

For Sunday School Union,	-	-	-	-	-	\$106 69
American Bible Society,	-	-	-	-	-	494 00
Tract Cause,	-	-	-	-	-	72 73
						\$ 673 42

Total	-	-	-	-	-	\$3,647 47
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Q. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>
Morgantown District.	J. B. Blakeney, P. E.,	Morgantown, Monongalia Co., W. Va.
" Station.	J. D. Onins.....	" " "
" Circuit.	S. Hitchens...	" " "
Smithtown	To be supplied.....	
Monongalia.....	J. J. Dolliver.....	Granville, " "
	One to be supplied }	
Brandonville.....	J. B. Feather	Brandonville, Preston " "
	One to be supplied }	
Grantsville.....	R. Laughlin.....	Grantsville, Alleghany " Md.
Kingwood.....	W. C. Wilson.....	Kingwood, Preston " W. Va.
	One to be supplied }	
Oakland	J. M. Powell	Oakland, Alleghany " Md.
Rowlesburg.....	W. D. Carrico.....	Rowlesburg, Preston " W. Va.
Evansville.....	C. Conner	" " " "
	One to be supplied }	
Grafton & Fetterman,	M. Allen.....	Grafton, Taylor " "
Palatine.....	W. L. Hindman	Palatine, Marion " "
Knottsville	M. McNeel.....	Knottsville, Taylor " "
Blacksville.....	L. D. Casto.....	Jollytown, Greene " Pa.
Allegheny College, W. Hunter, Professor of Hebrew and Biblical Literature, and member of Morgantown Quarterly Conference, Meadville, Crawford county, Pa.		
West Virginia Agricultural College, A. Martin, President, and member of Morgantown Quarterly Conference; J. Reily Weaver, Professor of Mathematics and Military Tactics, and member of Morgantown Quarterly Conference, Morgantown, Monongalia county, W. Va.		
Morgantown Female Collegiate Institute, G. Warnold, Principal and Financial Agent, and member of Morgantown Quarterly Conference, Morgantown, Monongalia county, W. Va.		

WHEELING DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>
Wheeling District.....	J. L. Clark, P. E.....	Wheeling, Ohio Co., W. Va.
" Fourth St.....	W. M. Mullenix.....	" " " "
" North St.....	G. Martin.....	" " " "
" Island.....	J. W. Webb.....	" " " "
" Zane st.....	F. Ball.....	" " " "
" Chapline st.....	A. J. Lyda	" " " "
South Wheeling.....	M. V. B. White.....	" " " "
Marshall.....	R. A. Arthur.....	Benwood, Marshall " "
	F. M. Hughes.....	
Moundsville.....	B. Ison.....	Moundsville, " " "
New Martinsville... }	To be supplied.....	N. Martinsvil. Wetzel " "
Fairview..... }	To be supplied.....	Woodland, " " "
Pine Grove..... }	To be supplied by }	Pine Grove, Marion " "
	J. McElfresh.....	
Mannington	T. H. Trainer	Mannington, Marion " "
Greene.....	B. F. Rogers.....	Bellton, Marshall " "
Bellton	To be supplied by }	" " " "
	G. Franklin.....	
Cameron	J. P. Farmer.....	Cameron, " " "
Grave Creek.....	W. F. Cannan.....	Roseby's Rock, " " "
	One to be supplied }	

Dallas	W. F. Poor	Dallas,	Marshall	Co., W. Va.
Triadelphia.....	T. B. Hughes.....	Triadelphia,	Ohio	" "
Short Creek and Liberty	J. M. Warden....	West Liberty,	"	" "

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>		
Clarksburg District...	S. Steele, P. E.....	Clarksburg,	Harrison	Co., W. Va.
" Station...	S. W. Davis.....	"	"	" "
West Milford.....	E. Ford.....	"	"	" "
	J. B. Pinchen			
	M. W. Rider			
Weston	R. H. Wallace.....	Weston,	Lewis	" "
	J. L. Sanford, sup.			
Frenchton.....	A. A. Reger.....	Centerville,	Upshur	" "
	One to be supplied			
Pruntytown.....	R. M. Wallace	Pruntytown,	Taylor	" "
	J. Eckes.....			
Phillipi.....	R. Northcraft	Phillipi,	Barbour	" "
Buckhannon.....	W. E. Williamson ..	Buckhannon,	Upshur	" "
" Circuit.	J. W. Reger.....	"	"	" "
Ushur.....	G. Rogers.....	"	"	" "
Fairmont.....	E. C. Wayman	Fairmont,	Marion	" "
Marion.....	H. C. Sanford.....	Barracksville,	"	" "
	One to be supplied			
Lumberport.....	D. S. Benedum.....	Lumberport,	"	" "
Beverly.....	T. M. Hartley.....	Beverly,	Randolph	" "
Salem.....	D. Cool.....	Salem,	Harrison	" "
Bridgeport.....	S. B. D. Prickett,...	Bridgeport,	"	" "
State Agent American Bible Society, J. L. Irwin, member of Fairmont				
Quarterly Conference, Fairmont, Marion county, W. Va.				
State Superintendent of Public Schools, W. R. White, member of Fairmont				
Quarterly Conference, Fairmont, Marion county, W. Va.				

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post Office.</i>		
Parkersburg District.	T. H. Monroe, P. E..	Parkersburg,	Wood	Co., W. Va.
" Station..	J. A. Kibbe.....	"	"	" "
" Circuit..	A. J. Lyon.....	"	"	" "
Elizabeth	W. C. Snodgrass.....	Elizabeth,	Wirt	" "
Williamstown.....	S. D. Jones.....	Williamstown,	Wood	" "
	One to be supplied			
Murraysville..	C. H. Lakin.....	Murraysville,	Jackson	" "
	One to be supplied			
Ravenswood and Ripley.....	To be supplied.....	Ripley,	"	" "
Harrisville.....	S. E. Steele.....	Harrisville,	Ritchie	" "
	One to be supplied			
Petroleum.....	To be supplied.....			
West Union.....	To be supplied.....	West Union,	Doddridge	" "
Middlebourne.....	E. B. Blundin....	Middlebourne,	Tyler	" "
	One to be supplied			
Sistersville.....	E. L. Nicholson.....	Sistersville,	"	" "
Glenville.....	W. W. Kelly.....	Glenville,	Gilmer	" "
Spencer.....	R. R. Highleyman }	Spencer,	Roane	" "
	One to be supplied			
Calhoun.....	To be supplied.....	Calhoun C. H.,	Calhoun	" "
Pensboro	To be supplied.....	Pensboro,	Ritchie	" "

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post Office.</i>
Charleston District...	G. W. Richmond, P. E. Kanawha C. H., Kanawha Co., W. Va.	
" Station...	A. Hall.....	" " "
" Circuit...	B. Darlington.....	" " "
Malden	W. E. Loomis.....	Malden, " " "
Raymond City	A. B. Smith.....	
Winfield.....	G. W. Matheny.....	Winfield, Putnam " "
Buffalo.....	C. H. Conway.....	Buffalo, " "
Point Pleasant.....	M. L. King.....	Point Pleasant, Mason " "
West Columbia.....	W. H. Shaw.....	West Columbia, " "
Hartford City.....	E. W. Ryan.....	Hartford City, " "
Cannelton.....	J. P. Coleman.....	Cannelton, Kanawha " "
Fayette	To be supplied.....	
Summersville	L. H. Jordan.....	Summersville, Nicholas " "
Webster.....	To be supplied.....	
Braxton.....	To be supplied.....	Braxton C. H., Braxton " "
Elk River.....	To be supplied.....	
Coal River.....	To be supplied.....	
Kanawha City.....	To be supplied.....	

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post Office.</i>
Guyandotte District...	H. D. Rice, P. E.....	Guyandotte, Cabell Co., W. Va.
" Station...	S. King.....	" " "
Catlettsburg.....	T. M. Leslie.....	Catlettsburg, Boyd " Ky.
Ashland and	J. M. Rife.....	Ashland, " " "
Coalton.....	One to be supplied.....	
Wayne.....	C. W. Swartz.....	Wayne C. H., Wayne " W. Va.
	J. S. P. Carroll.....	
Hamline.....	B. Hagar.....	Hamline, Lincoln " "
Logan and Boone.....	To be supplied.....	Logan C. H., Logan " "
Wyoming and	To be supplied.....	Wyoming C. H., Wyoming " "
McDowell.....		
Raleigh and Mercer.....	To be supplied.....	
Louisa.....	J. B. McCormick.....	Louisa, Lawrence Co., Ky.
	One to be supplied.....	
Paintsville.....	B. A. Stubbins.....	Paintsville, Johnson " "
Pikeville.....	A. R. Crislep.....	Pikeville, Pike " "
McGoffin	To be supplied.....	
Prestonburg.....	To be supplied.....	Prestonsburg, Floyd " "
Letcher.....	To be supplied.....	
Sandy Mission.....	To be supplied.....	

To preach the Missionary Sermon, A. J. Lyda; Alternate, J. M. Powell.

The next session of the Conference to be held at Clarksburg, Harrison county, West Virginia.

LOCAL PREACHERS.**MORGANTOWN DISTRICT**

Charles McLain,	Morgantown,	Monongalia Co.,	West Va.
A. L. Wade,	"	"	"
Leonard Warman,	Ice's Ferry,	"	"
Joseph Grubb,	White Day,	"	"
Thos. Hawkins,	Raccoon,	Preston,	"
G. W. Smith,	Granville,	Monongalia,	"
J. N. Waters,	"	"	"
M. L. Boyers,	"	"	"
J. H. Gibson,	Brandonville,	Preston,	"
D. Titchenell,	Muddy Creek,	"	"
Joseph Dewitt,	Grantsville,	Alleghany,	Md.
D. H. Friend,	"	"	"
J. N. Loudermilk,	Selbysport,	"	"
J. M. Davis,	Oakland,	"	"
P. S. Barrack,	Tunnelton,	Preston,	West Va.
F. G. W. Ford,	Kasson,	Barbour,	"
E. S. Wilson,	Kingwood,	Preston,	"
E. G. Murphy,	Grafton,	Taylor,	"
D. J. McGinnis,	Evansville,	Preston,	"
C. W. Swearingen,	Palatine,	Marion,	"
J. J. Davis,	"	"	"
S. Harris,	Winfield,	"	"
I. Hawkins,	"	"	"
J. Swisher,	Forksburg,	"	"

WHEELING DISTRICT.

E. J. Stone, E.	Wheeling,	Ohio County,	West Va.
W. G. Hobbs, E.	"	"	"
J. Willits, D.	"	"	"
J. A. Lancaster, L.	"	"	"
Jas. Baggs, L.	"	"	"
M. Dowler, E.	Sharon,	Marshall	"
S. Jones, E.	Moundsville,	"	"
G. Pelly, E.	"	"	"
J. A. Alexander, E.	"	"	"
W. Evans, L.	"	"	"
Jas. McElfresh, L.	Pine Grove,	Wetzel County,	"
W. Wilcox, L.	"	"	"
J. Edgel, L.	"	"	"
J. Musgrave, L.	"	"	"
J. Hall,	Pine Grove,	Wetzel County,	West Va.
J. Snodgrass, D.	"	"	"
J. M. Sterling, L.	"	"	"

J. Alley, E.....	Glen Easton, Marshall Co., West Va.		
G. Franklin, L.....	Bellton, " " "		
G. W. Parrot, L.....	" " " " "		
D. Cunningham, E.....	Mannington, Marion " "		
Wm. Conway, L.....	" " " " "		
A. Ney, L.....	" " " " "		
R. Wilson, L.....	Dallas, Marshall " "		
B. F. Charlton, L.....	Mannington, Marion " "		
W. Darling, L.....	West Liberty, Ohio, " "		
J. M. Davis, L.....	Cameron, Marshall " "		
S. Loveall, L.....	New Martinsville, Wetzel Co., " "		

E for Elder, D for Deacon, L for Licentiate.

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

D. Rector.....	Clarksburg, Harrison County, West Va.		
J. Conwell.....	" " " "		
J. Conner.....	" " " "		
J. Holt.....	West Milford, " " "		
A. C. Rider.....	Quiet Dell, " " "		
S. P. Wilson.....	Kincheloe, Lewis, " "		
J. M. Harshbarger.....	Weston, " " "		
N. Snider.....	" " " "		
J. Law.....	" " " "		
G. W. Dean.....	" " " "		
J. McWhorter.....	" " " "		
D. Hall.....	" " " "		
J. C. McCoy.....	" " " "		
G. J. Riffe.....	Frenchton, Upshur " "		
S. Wilson.....	" " " "		
J. Elliot.....	Pruntytown, Taylor, " "		
A. Vincent.....	Shinnston, Harrison " "		
J. Clellan.....	Boothsville, Marion " "		
J. J. Nixon.....	" " " "		
J. Pitman.....	Phillippi, Barbour " "		
D. R. Poling.....	" " " "		
C. Tipton.....	" " " "		
J. Paston.....	" " " "		
D. S. Pinnell.....	Buckhannon, Upshur " "		
E. Bennett.....	" " " "		
J. Waugh.....	" " " "		
W. Ward.....	" " " "		
S. Ingol.....	" " " "		
J. Burns.....	Fairmont, Marion " "		
D. Turney.....	" " " "		
M. W. Davis.....	Cherry Camp, Harrison " "		
Hanning Foggy.....	Beverly, " " "		
P. G. Corsley.....	Bridgeport, " " "		
Austin Reader.....	" " " "		

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

J. Steele,	Lockhart's Run,	Wirt County,	West Va.
O. Stevens,	Fountain Spring,	"	"
Rufus Kanard,	Williamstown,	Wood	"
Benjamin Athey,	"	"	"
Edward McPherson,	Parkersburg,	"	"
R. L. Callahan,	"	"	"
C. Anderson,	Bellville,	"	"
S. Ball,	Ravenswood,	Jackson	"
Wm. R. Martin,	Cottageville,	"	"
W. J. Custer,	"	"	"
Eli Riddle,	Ellenboro,	Ritchie	"
E. Clayton,	White Oak,	"	"
J. W. Miller,	Harrisville,	"	"
E. Snodgrass,	"	"	"
A. P. Law,	"	"	"
S. Night,	West Union,	Doddridge	"
J. T. Childers,	"	"	"
G. McIntire,	Centerville,	Tyler	"
R. Martin,	Van Camp,	"	"
D. Meredith,	"	"	"

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

R. B. Sanford,	Malden,	Kanawha County,	West Va.
R. Cadwalader,	"	"	"
W. A. Woodall,	Pocatalico,	"	"
S. S. Honaker,	"	"	"
J. P. Withrow,	Charleston,	"	"
John Moses,	Winfield,	Putnam,	"
James D. Strickland,	Colone,	Mason	"
U. S. Pribble,	Point Pleasant,	Mason	"
J. M. Phelps,	"	"	"
Jacob Bird,	Hartford City,	"	"
W. Loomis,	"	"	"
W. W. Harper,	"	"	"
J. Kincaid,	Fayetteville,	Fayette	"
W. Johnson,	"	"	"
R. J. Hughes,	Cannelton,	Kanawha	"
J. A. Cobbs,	"	"	"
T. J. Martin,	"	"	"
W. Gross,	Cross Lanes,	Nicholas	"
S. Williams,	"	"	"

GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.

H. Newman,	Guyandotte,	Cabell County,	West Va.
R. D. Callahan,	Ashland,	Boyd	Ky.
D. S. King,	"	"	"

Jesse Brown,.....	Logan C. H., Logan County, West Va.		
Adam Brown,.....	" " " "		
A. Workman,.....	Wyoming C. H., Wyoming	"	
J. B. Hutchinson,.....	Louisa, Lawrence	"	Ky.
A. C. Hutchinson,.....	" " " "	"	
H. Swetnam,	" " " "	"	
B. A. Stubbins,	" " " "	"	
J. A. Abbott,	" " " "	"	
G. W. Hale,.....	" " " "	"	
A. J. Thompson,	" " " "	"	
W. Riggs,.....	" " " "	"	
W. Moore,.....	" " " "	"	
G. W. Hannah,	Peach Orchard, Lawrence	"	
W. Christian,.....	" " " "	"	
J. Hammond,.....	" " " "	"	
J. House,	Paintsville, Johnson	"	
H. S. Vaughn,	" " " "	"	
C. A. Ward,.....	" " " "	"	
J. T. Robertson,.....	" " " "	"	
E. Moles,	" " " "	"	
J. T. Langley,	Prestonburg, Floyd	"	
George Stump,.....	Piketon, Pike	"	
J. Thornsburg,.....	" " " "	"	
Wm. Tussy,.....	Prestonburg, Floyd	"	
Solomon Monts,.....	Whitesburg, Letcher	"	
Elijah Baker,.....	" " " "	"	
Jas. Collins,.....	" " " "	"	
George Stump,.....	Pikeville, Pike	"	
Eliphas Spurlock,.....	" " " "	"	
J. C. Black,.....	" " " "	"	
G. Carroll,.....	" " " "	"	

Reports.

EDUCATION.

I—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee think it unnecessary to say much in the form of general statement, either to impress upon the Conference the importance of education, or to express to the Church and the public our estimate of intellectual and moral culture in its various developments. The position of the Church generally, and of this Conference in particular, is, we hope, so well understood as not to require continual repetition. We have always held firmly that the Creator requires of us, as individuals, the cultivation of the nature and faculties which he has bestowed upon us, and the advancement of the cause of education in the world as an important part of our holy religion. That as he has made us intellectual and moral beings, capable of indefinite improvement and development, so he has made it our duty to increase the talent he has bestowed to the highest possible degree, in order that we may suitably glorify God in our bodies and spirits, which are His. With these views the Conference has been disposed to give encouragement and lend its aid, as far as it may be able, to all efforts and undertakings, having for their object the cultivation of the human mind and the diffusion of useful knowledge. The Conference is also, we trust, duly impressed with a sense of its responsibility in this regard, with respect to the young and rising commonwealth which constitutes, in great part, its field of ministerial labor. We *must* do our full share in the educational development of West Virginia or be recreant to our God-given trust and suffer the penalties which inevitably follow the neglect of a great duty. Impressed by such views, the Conference has given its patronage and support to sundry educational institutions, both within its own bounds and elsewhere. First of these in age and importance is ALLEGHENY COLLEGE, which is under the joint patronage of the Pittsburgh, Erie and West Virginia Conferences.

Your Committee are happy to believe that this Institution, which a couple of years since suffered some serious financial losses, thereby somewhat embarrassing its operations, has now a fine prospect of speedily recovering from the effects of these losses, and of accomplishing more than ever heretofore for the benefit of the Church and the world. Allegheny College is pre-eminently the missionary college of our Church, having, perhaps, as many of her sons in the missionary field as all our other colleges put together, besides a very respectable number of her pupils in the home work of the ministry in the various Conferences of the Church, and some in other Churches.

Many of her Alumni are, moreover, occupying highly honorable positions in civil society; and by their talents and attainments reflecting lustre on their fostering mother. Our own Conference is not without its examples of this kind, both in the ministry and laity. Deeming Allegheny College still worthy of our cordial support and patronage, we offer for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That Alex. Martin, D. D., and F. Ball, of this Conference, B. F. Martin, Esq., of Pruntytown, and H. K. List, Esq., of Wheeling, represent this Conference in the Board of Control, for the ensuing year.

Resolved, 2d. That the following brethren be requested to act as a visiting Committee: Rev. M. Titchenell and J. A. Kibbe, of this Conference, Rev. E. J. Stone, of Wheeling, Hon. N. Goff, of Clarksburg, Dr. R. Hills, of Weston, Maj. J. H. Bristol, of Wheeling, and J. M. Dils, Esq., of Parkersburg.

As the Board of Control of Allegheny College was created by the patronizing Conferences conjointly, to represent them in the supervision of the College in the intervals of Conference, and is endowed with full powers and prerogatives for so doing; therefore

Resolved, That it is not competent for any one of these patronizing Conferences, without the concurrence of the others, either to direct or to nullify the action of the said Board.

II.—NORTH WESTERN VA. ACADEMY.

The Committee are informed that the trustees of this Institution, finding it impossible to sustain it at present as an independent school, have temporarily merged it into the free schools of the borough of Clarksburg, and that it is now conducted in connection with said schools. This arrangement is made for two years.

III.—WEST VA. AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

Your Committee think it proper to congratulate the people of this Commonwealth upon the establishment, by the State Legislature, of the State Agricultural College, located at Morgantown, which has begun its career under very fair auspices, and which, under the fostering care of the Legislature, and the patronage of the citizens of the Commonwealth, promises much for the advancement of literature and science. The Institution is favorably located, and ably manned, and we trust will, in due time, be suitably endowed and furnished with everything necessary to make it a first class College.

Resolved, That we heartily wish it success, and will lend our efforts to promote its welfare.

IV.—PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE STATE.

Your Committee are gratified to state that the system of common schools adopted by the Legislature of the State, is meeting with great favor on the part of the people. Numerous school houses

have been erected and others are in process of construction. Improved modes of instruction have been introduced into the schools. Normal Schools, Institutes, and Associations of teachers contribute to the advancement of the great cause of education. All this, we feel assured, is largely due to the indomitable efforts of the efficient Superintendent of the State Public Schools, Professor W. R. White. We commend the system to the Conference as deserving their earnest co-operation.

W. HUNTER, *Chairman.*

Report on the State of the Church and Country.

THE CHURCH.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the state of the Church and country, present the following report :

From the formation of the first society of five members in the city of New York by Philip Embury, in 1766, to the present time, the growth of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in our country, has been without a precedent. That little society has grown into a multitude, a vast ecclesiastical community, outnumbering any other protestant denomination in the land. In 1773, the Methodist Episcopal Church had one conference, numbering ten preachers and a membership of 1,160 ; now the statistics give 67 annual conferences, 7,734 traveling and 8,827 local preachers, making a ministerial force of 16,561, with a membership of 1,159,000. Although over 12,000 of her communicants died the past year, their places at our consecrated altars have been more than filled by the addition of 142,000 new recruits, leaving the church, in round numbers, a net increase of 127,000 over the previous year; and the tidings of revival influence and large accessions to the Church coming in from almost every part of our widely extended fields of labor, are no less encouraging in regard to the future. The same may be said of the enterprises of the Church in general. All her movements point toward the accomplishment of her great work—the evangelization of the world.

The West Virginia Conference was set off in 1848 and the year following reported a ministerial force of 176 traveling and local preachers, and a membership of 12,635 and 1,743 probationers. From that time through a period of some twelve years to the breaking out of the rebellion, our membership and ministerial force gradually increased until our membership reached about 22,000, probationers included. But with the rebellion came a decrease in membership, (more the result of the scattering of our flocks than of disaffection,) so that in 1863 our reports showed a decrease of about 8,000 ; and here we may state that, from her organization, the West Virginia Conference has had difficulties to encounter peculiar to itself. For a number of years an untiring effort was made to force upon us the peculiar institutions of the South, or force us from

the territory. Then came the rebellion with all its attendant evils and horrors. Some of our churches were converted into hospitals, others were wholly or partly destroyed. Wave succeeded wave, carrying dismay and desolation over our country, disorganizing and scattering our people. In this bloody contest, this wicked opposition to the Government and effort to destroy it, the Church suffered greatly. The Church has also sustained heavy losses by removals and transfers to other parts of the country. In efficient ministers alone, our Conference has sustained a loss of something near one-half of our present ministerial force. One thing more—false impressions, we fear, have been made on the minds of persons abroad, by inadvertant remarks and publications, both in regard to our country and Conference. Instead of impassible streams, a barren waste, a wild, inhospitable region, inhabited by semi-barbarians—"a snake-eating race"—just the opposite is true.

But, notwithstanding all these disabilities and embarrassments, by the blessing of God, the Conference still survives, and the Church prospers with increased prospects in reference to the future. Compared with the past, in finance, in church improvements, in increase of numbers and in spirituality, our Conference is evidently making proficiency, having fully attained its original numbers, (22,000,) or perhaps more. We also regard it as a matter of encouragement and thanksgiving to Almighty God that many portions of our Conference, but recently baptised with blood, are now receiving a baptism of the Holy Ghost.

THE COUNTRY.

By the blessing of Divine Providence, we again enjoy peace in all our borders. The discordant elements by which our beloved country for years past has been seriously interrupted, have either subsided or are now held in check by the administration of wise and wholesome laws; and with the return of peace we have an encouraging degree of prosperity at present, with much to hope for in the future. God, the giver of all good, (to the praise of His great name be it spoken), is once more crowning our country with the greatest of plenty; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That in view of God's gracious dealings with us as a Church, in the spread of His truth and the salvation of sinners, that we will, as a Conference, enter into a closer covenant with Him; and that we will make a more thorough effort to carry the Gospel to every one in our midst.

Resolved, 2d. That we have full confidence in that superintending Providence which has hitherto guided the affairs of our country; that in the future, as in the past, He will deliver us from impending dangers and difficulties, and overrule all for good.

In behalf of the Committee,
G. MARTIN, *Chairman.*

On Temperance.

The Committee on Temperance report as follows:

We are as much as ever convinced of the great evil of intemperance, which now prevails to an alarming extent in our country and is the fruitful source of untold suffering. But we are glad to state the fact that a great temperance revival is now rapidly spreading over the country, and we fondly hope that the dark cloud of intemperance will soon be dispelled by the golden beams of truth and temperance. While we regard the church as paramount, we believe that temperance organizations are auxiliaries to the church, and often the stepping stone into it. We therefore pledge ourselves anew to preach upon the subject of temperance, and encourage all organizations having for their object the suppression of this great evil.

T. B. HUGHES, *Chairman.*

Memoirs.

The Committee on Memoirs report as follows:

William B. Carroll departed this life near Kingwood, West Virginia, on the 20th day of July, 1867. About eighteen years ago, under the ministry of Bro. James L. Clark, Bro. Carroll was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. At the session of the Western Virginia Conference for 1856, he was received on trial in traveling connection, having been licensed to preach some four years before. He traveled the Westernford Circuit two years. He was then ordained Deacon by Bishop Ames, and sent to the Selbysport Circuit. He remained in this charge for two years, when, in consequence of impaired health, he was compelled to take a superannuated relation, in which relation he continued till death. It is proper to state that he was employed as a supply on the Kingwood Circuit one year before he was admitted into the Conference, and that he did much effective work on the same charge after he took a superannuated relation. Brother Carroll was a worker. Whenever his strength would permit, he was doing something for the advancement of his Master's cause. He was a thinker. His sermons were full of sound theology. He was deeply pious. His life was "a living epistle." In this respect, Brother Carroll was a model. He was successful. In his short ministry hundreds were converted and added to the church through his instrumentality. He died triumphantly. Not a cloud hung over his dying bed. His faith was strong. "Oh may we triumph so, when life's last hour is past."

The Committee cannot report in the case of Brother W. D. Warman, who died during the past year, and recommend that the preacher in charge of the Murrys ville Circuit be requested to write a Memoir of Brother Warman for the Conference and General Minutes, and the *Pittsburg Christian Advocate*.

JOS. B. FEATHER, *Chairman.*

Periodicals.

Your Committee is happy to report that the *Pittsburgh Christian Advocate* is in a very healthy and prosperous condition. Its subscription list has an increase of one thousand over that of last year. In size and appearance, as well as purity of sentiment and chastity of expression, we regard it as second to no religious journal in the land, and worthy of a much larger patronage than it has yet enjoyed. We feel that it is a great power for good in our midst, and might be rendered much more so if it were placed in every family throughout our bounds. We therefore pledge ourselves to renewed efforts to enlarge its circulation, and thereby its usefulness.

We have been able to gain but little information from our other periodicals, but have learned that the *Ladies Repository* reports a circulation of thirty-one thousand, which is probably larger than any other in our connection. Gratifying as must be this result, yet we feel that it should have a much larger circulation. We therefore commend it to the earnest consideration of our people as an excellent family visitor. We greatly rejoice in the success of all our Church and Sunday School Journals, and pray that God's blessing may attend them in all their visitations among the people.

We have had the report of the Minnesota Annual Conference, concerning the Methodist Book Concern and our Church Periodicals, under consideration, and heartily concur in their action.

R. H. WALLACE, *Chairman.*

Tract Cause.

Your Committee report that the Tract cause is a means of accomplishing a great deal of good, and should therefore be supported more liberally than it is. We are glad to see signs of improvement in this direction. The amount raised this year is more than double that of last year. We have received from the various Circuits and Stations seventy-three dollars, which is an increase of thirty-eight dollars and sixty cents. We urge upon our brethren an increased effort for the good and prosperity of the Society. Much *can* and *ought* to be done. *Shall* it be done?

T. M. HARTLEY, *Chairman.*

Bible Report.

Your Committee report as follows:

Money collected by State Agents the past year,	-	\$183 25
Money collected by preachers and in hand,	- -	33 75
Total,	- - - - -	\$217 00

Your Committee are sorry to have to report a decrease in collections, during the past year, of about one hundred and ninety dollars.

We do not pretend to assign reasons therefor, but respectfully offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That we will, with greater zeal than heretofore, labor to assist the American Bible Society in its God-like and benevolent effort to place a copy of the Bible in the hands of every family in the land.

Resolved, 2d. That we will assist the agent in his efforts to accomplish this most desirable work in the State of West Virginia, by giving him our sympathies, prayers and personal help as far as possible, and that we will take up the annual Bible collection in all our congregations where the Agent cannot visit.

Resolved, 3d. That we respectfully request our Presiding Bishop to re-appoint the present incumbent, J. L. R. Irwin, to the Bible work of this State, as one having our entire confidence as a Conference.

THOS. M. LESLIE, *Chairman.*

Sunday Schools.

Your Committee rejoice that the Church is more fully realizing the importance of Sunday Schools, in the religious training of the children and youth under our care, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we urge the necessity of good libraries in all our schools, and a more extensive circulation of our excellent Sunday School papers.

Resolved, That we recognize the Methodist Episcopal Sunday School Institute, organized in Wheeling, in October last, by Rev. J. H. Vincent, as a most efficient agency in promoting the Sunday School interests and the interests of our beloved Methodism, and that it be called the West Virginia Conference Sunday School Institute.

Resolved, That the first meeting of said Institute be held in Parkersburg on the 12th, 13th and 14th of May next.

Resolved, That we will endeavor to form all our Sunday Schools into auxiliary Missionary Societies, and train our children to give for missionary purposes.

Moundsville, March 14, 1868.

S. HITCHENS, *Chairman.*

Parsonages.

The Committee on Parsonages report:

That we are gratified to add five Parsonages to the number already reported, namely: Two in the Morgantown District and three in the Clarksburg District. It is also gratifying to your Committee to be able to say that these houses have been built with an eye to the comfort of our ministers, and we sincerely desire that the number of

such may be increased until every charge shall have a good parsonage.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of last year's report.

J. W. WEBB, *Chairman.*

The following is last year's report :

In looking over our last published Minutes, (the only data we had,) we find that, as the work then stood, there were twenty-eight charges furnished with parsonages, while there were thirty-eight charges which had none. These were distributed as follows: Morgantown District had six charges with and seven without parsonages; Wheeling District had eight with and five without; Clarksburg District had five with, and eight without; Parkersburg District had five with and eight without; Charleston District, embracing what is now Charleston and Guyandotte Districts, had four with, and ten without. Of these twenty-eight parsonages, thus distributed over our work, some are utterly unfit for the purpose for which they were designed; while others are but imperfectly suited to the accommodation of the preacher's family. It is the deliberate conviction of your committee, that this state of things has seriously retarded our operations, both financially and spiritually. If each charge was furnished with a comfortable parsonage, the amount paid out in the form of rent could be added to the salary of the preacher, thus improving the finances of the charge; while it would remove much of the anxiety and embarrassment experienced by the preacher in regard to his family interests; thus giving opportunity for increased usefulness to the Church. We are aware that there are many objections made to building parsonages, (not wholly without foundation,) in consequence of the changes made in the several charges, and these difficulties can not, perhaps, be entirely obviated, but we think may be, to a considerable extent.

We therefore offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st, That we earnestly recommend to all our people prompt and earnest effort in furnishing all our charges with comfortable houses, of sufficient capacity to accommodate any family of ordinary size.

Resolved, 2d, That the Presiding Elder of each District be requested to bring the matter before the Quarterly Conference of those Circuits and Stations where there are no parsonages; and secure the appointment of a committee of judicious men, whose duty it shall be to select a suitable place for their parsonage, in view of future probable changes, so that it may not be rendered useless for this purpose by such changes; and to arrange the size and plan of such houses.

Respectfully submitted,
J. WESLEY WEBB.

On Tobacco.

A habit which is in no way beneficial to us, but on the contrary injures us physically, mentally and morally; a habit which lessens our influence by its impoliteness and filth, must certainly be condemned by every thinking mind. Such is the use of Tobacco. We think, therefore, that this Conference should renew its condemnation of this pernicious practice. We are glad to report that considerable progress has been made during the past year. Some of our number have quit the use of this poison, and so far as we know, every one who has applied for admission on trial at the present session, has pledged himself to abstain from this practice in all its forms.

We submit the following resolutions, and ask that they be adopted as the sense of this Conference:

Resolved, 1st, That all who do not use tobacco are requested not to commence the practice.

Resolved, 2d, That those who feel that they can quit the use of it, be invited to make the attempt.

Resolved, 3d, That those who feel that the habit is too strong to be broken are requested not to defend the practice, for those who use tobacco and yet condemn it are less inconsistent than those who use it and defend their action.

Resolved, 4th, That applicants for admission on trial in this Conference, be required to pledge themselves to abstain from the use of tobacco.

J. A. KIBBE, *Chairman.*

On Presiding Elders' Accounts.

The accounts of the Presiding Elders of the Morgantown, Wheeling, Clarksburg, Parkersburg and Guyandotte Districts have been regularly made out and correctly kept, also the accounts of the Presiding Elder of the Charleston District, with the exception of one or two signatures, which Brother Arthur stated could not now be obtained.

There is, however, a difficulty existing between Brother Conway and Brother Arthur, arising out of what we suppose to be an improper distribution of the funds of Malden Charge, but to which they both seem to have tacitly consented at the time. We therefore did not feel at liberty to change the action of the Quarterly Conference.

There is also a paper presented to us by Brother F. M. Hughes, containing statements of facts purporting to have taken place in 1866, which we did not think came under our jurisdiction in their present form.

M. V. B. WHITE, *Chairman.*

Lay Representation.

The Committee on Lay Representation report:

That in their judgment there is not now, nor has there been in time past, any just cause of complaint in the Methodist Episcopal Church, of oppression, either on the part of the Ministry or the membership, both having made concessions for the good of souls and the glory of God; the Ministers of their right to choose their own field of labor and fix their own salaries; the membership of their right to choose their own pastors and representation in the General and Annual Conferences. That such mutual concessions have been well-pleasing in the sight of God is proven by the unparalleled success of Methodism on the earth.

Your Committee offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That we are not opposed to progress in a good cause, and in a right direction, so that whenever our people shall fully speak out, and a plan shall be presented that has due respect both to the rights of the Ministers and Members of the Church, we will cordially adopt Lay Representation.

Resolved, 2d. That such an expression has not yet been obtained.

Resolved, 3d. That we are uncompromisingly opposed to any plan that will supercede or impair our Episcopacy, Presiding Eldership, Itineracy or Class Meetings.

M. TITCHENEL,
F. BALL,
W. HUNTER.

Expenses of Delegates to General Conference.

Your Committee report as follows—money paid in:

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

Monongalia.....	\$1 00	Kingwood.....	2 00
Evansville.....	2 00	Grafton and Fetterman...	3 00
Morgantown Station.....	5 00	Oakland,	2 23
Palatine.....	1 25	Knottsville,	1 50
Blacksville.....	5 00		
		Total.....	\$23 08

WHEELING DISTRICT

Short Creek and Liberty,..	\$3 00	Dallas.....	3 00
Grave Creek.....	3 00	South Wheeling.....	1 53
Zane Street.....	5 00	North Wheeling.....	5 00
Mannington.....	5 00	Island.....	5 00
Green.....	2 00		
		Total.....	\$32 53

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

Fairmont,.....	\$2 50	Frenchton,	2 50
		Total,.....	\$5 00

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

West Union,.....	\$2 00	Harrisville,.....	6 00
Glenville,	2 00		
		Total,.....	10 00

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

Buffalo,	\$1 00		
Unknown,.....	1 50		
"	1 50		
		Total,.....	\$3 00
		Total money paid in,.....	\$74 61

On the Case of L. Parke.

We, the Committee to whom the case of Brother Levi Parke was referred, submit the following report:

It is evident to us, from the statement of Brothers Conner and Dolliver, that Brother Parke is greatly embarrassed in his business affairs. We therefore recommend that his character do not pass, and that his case be referred to the Presiding Elder of the District to be treated according to Discipline, Page 114.

M. ALLEN,
J. J. DOLLIVER,
J. L. IRWIN,
Committee.

On the Case of R. Hagar.

The Committee on the case of R. Hagar report:

That no charges have been presented before us in this case save the statement of his Presiding Elder, made on the floor of Conference, namely: That Brother Hagar had, during the last two years, neglected his work as a traveling preacher.

We therefore refer the case back to the Conference for such action as it may deem right in the premises.

S. HITCHENS, *Chairman.*

Resolutions.

BISHOP KINGSLEY'S OFFICIAL VISIT.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that at the first official visit of Bishop Kingsley to our Conference, we should express our appreciation of his services; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we are strongly and favorably impressed with the christian dignity and urbanity which have marked his general intercourse with us, the ability with which he has conducted the business of the Conference, and the evangelical excellence of his pulpit ministrations.

Resolved, 2d. That, whenever in the order of Episcopal visitation, it shall be his lot to return to us, we shall heartily welcome him as our presiding officer.

JAMES L. CLARK,
J. B. BLAKENEY,
A. J. LYDA,
T. H. MONROE,
R. A. ARTHUR,
H. D. RICE,
D. H. K. DIX.

Resolution of Thanks.

Resolved, That the thanks of the West Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church are due, and are hereby expressed, to the families of Moundsville who have so kindly and hospitably entertained us during our present session,—to the Pastors and official members of the different churches who have fraternally invited us to their pulpits, and to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for reduction in fare in going to and returning from Conference.

W. R. WHITE,
J. B. BLAKENEY.

On Dr. Nesbit.

Resolved, by the West Virginia Annual Conference, That we request our delegates to the General Conference to vote for the re-election of Dr. S. H. Nesbit to his present post of duty.

W. E. WILLIAMSON,
A. HALL.

Conference Sermon.

Resolved, That Brother S. E. Steele be requested to preach the Conference Sermon at our next session.

J. M. POWELL,
W. C. WILSON.

Resolved, That the Conference Sermon be preached on the second day of each Annual Session, at 10½ o'clock, A. M., to be followed by the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

R. M. WALLACE,
G. MARTIN.

Committee on Nominations.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders are hereby appointed a Committee to nominate the various committees necessary and report them for adoption at the next Annual Session of our Conference.

On Statistics.

Resolved, That the brethren ought to be very careful in preparing their statistical reports to present to the next Annual Conference, and that the Preacher in charge in each Station and Circuit see to it, that a correct record be kept in future.

J. M. POWELL,
A. J. LYDA.

Assessment of Missionary Money.

The Mission Committee apportions the \$6,000 assessed upon our Conference by the General Missionary Committee for the support of Missions, as follows:

Morgantown District...	\$1,020 00	Charleston District.....	620 00
Wheeling District,	1,900 00	Guyandotte District,...	620 00
Clarksburg District...	1,020 00		
Parkersburg District,..	820 00	Total,.....	\$6,000 00

T. H. MONROE, *Chairman.*

J. L. CLARK, *Sec'y.*

Steward's Report No. 2.*

Appointments.	Preachers.	Claims	Receipts.	Defici'n- cies.	Conf'nce Collect'ns	Travel'g Exp'ses.	Rent
Morgantown District.							
Morgantown Dist....	J. B. Blakeney..	1055	1042 00	13 00	.....	.....	\$80
Morgantown Sta'n...	J. D. Onins.....	980	980 00	.....	65 00	80 00	P.
Morgantown Circ't..	R. M. Wallace.	630	570 14	59 86	24 40	30 00	50
Smithtown " "	W. D. Carrico..	300	199 35	100 65	.....	.....	....
Monongalia " "	J. W. Webb.....	750	750 00	.....	5 40	.....	P.
.....							
Brandonville	J. B. Feather...	450	450 00	.....	12 50	.....	P.
"	S. S. Freeland..	100	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grantsville.....	R. Laughlin...	400	311 71	88 29	.....	.....	.....
Kingwood.....	W. O. Wilson..	700	700 00	.....	30 00	12 00	17
Oakland	J. M. Powell....	860	723 55	136 45	18 31	60 00	P.
Evansville.....	C. Connor.....	642	642 00	.....	16 90	42 00	....
"	M. McNeel.....	150	150 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grafton and Fetter-							
man.....	M. Allen.....	750	750 00	.....	21 00	42 38	120
Palatine.....	W. L. Hindman	600	600 00	.....	9 85	.....	36
Knottsville.....	J. J. Doliver...	450	438 84	11 16	7 85	.....	.....
Blacksville.....	L. D. Casto.....	500	500 00	.....	9 50	.....	.....
"	J. Woodruff....	150	150 90	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rowlesburg.....	T. F. Bracken..	300	253 00	46 50	15 00	.....	.....
Total.....		9767	9311 09	455 91	245 71	266 38	303
Wheeling District.							
Wheeling District...	J. L. Clark.....	1200	1200 00	.....	.....	.....	400
Fourth St. Charge..	W. M. Mullenix	1500	1500 00	.....	130 00	.....	P.
North " "	G. Martin.....	800	800 00	.....	15 25	.....	P.
Island " "	J. A. Kibbe....	750	750 00	.....	45 00	.....	P.
Zane Street " "	F. Ball.....	1157	1157 00	.....	45 00	7 00	154
Chapline " "	S. Steele.....	900	900 00	.....	33 00	.....	P.
South Wheeling.....	T. H. Trainer..	900	869 33	30 67	3 00	.....	168
Marshall Circuit.....	E. C. Wayman..	650	650 00	.....	30 12	.....	50
"	G. Petty, Sup...	200	200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Monndsville Stat'n..	Benj. Ison.....	800	700 00	100 00	23 00	.....	P.
Pine Grove Circuit.	J. McElfresh....	300	300 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mannington " "	M. V. B. White	500	500 00	.....	5 20	.....	P.
Greene " "	G. W. Parrott...	200	200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grave Creek " "	W. R. Howe....	600	537 47	62 53	20 00	.....	.....
" " " "	F. M. Hughes...	150	133 45	16 55	.....	.....	.....
Dallas " "	W. F. Cannan...	530	500 00	30 00	30 00	.....	30
Triadelphia " "	T. B. Hughes...	650	650 00	.....	8 00	.....	P.
Short Creek and							
Liberty.....	W. F. Poor, sup	672	672 00	.....	7 60	.....	72
Roseby and Burton.	J. P. Farmer, "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Martinsville...	B. F. Rodgers...	600	462 69	137 31	3 00	.....	60
Total.....		13059	12681 94	377 06	399 17	7 00	930
Clarksburg District.							
Clarksburg District.	A. J. Lyda.....	1000	950 00	50 00	.....	.....	.....
Clarksburg Station.	S. W. Davis.....	500	500 00	.....	7 70	.....	.....
West Milford Circ't.	J. M. Warden..	700	700 00	.....	15 70	.....	P.
West Milford.....	J. B. Pinchen...	150	150 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Weston.....	R. H. Wallace.	625	590 00	35 00	9 00	.....	P.

*For Steward's Report No. 1, see Disciplinary Questions.

Appointments.	Preachers.	Claims	Receipts.	Defic'ies.	Unf'nce Coll'c'ns	Travel'g Ex'p'ses.	Rent
Clarksburg District.							
French Creek.....	T. M. Hartley...	550	468 92	81 08	5 00	.....	P.
"							
Pruntytown.....	T. M. Leslie....	600	550 00	50 00	14 48	48 00	55
"	M. W. Rider.....	200	167 70	32 30	.....	.....	.....
Phillippi.....	R. Northcraft...	541	480 00	61 00	.....	.....	.....
Buchannon Station.	W. E. Williams'n	800	720 00	80 00	.....	.....	100
" Circuit..	A. A. Reger.....	550	540 00	10 00	15 00	.....	125
Upshur " "	G. Rodgers.....	500	450 00	50 00	3 45	.....	15
Fairmont Station...	A. Hall.....	600	560 00	40 00	9 20	.....	P.
Marion Circuit.....	H. C. Sanford...	600	500 00	100 00	6 00	.....	P.
Lumberport " "	D. Cool.....	377	270 15	106 85	.....	.....	25
Beverly " "	S. B. D. Prickett	450	364 55	85 45	.....	.....	.....
Salem " "	D. S. Benedum	450	376 96	73 04	.....	.....	.....
Bridgeport " "	E. Ford.....	400	282 75	117 25	2 00	.....	.....
	Total.....	9593	8621 03	971 97	87 53	48 00	320
Parkersburg District.							
Parkersburg Dist....	T. H. Monroe..	1200	1170 00	30 00	.....	.....	.....
" Sta.....	D. Stephenson.	750	750 00	.....	.....	.....	P.
" Cir't..	J. A. Williams.	400	284 35	119 65	1 00	.....	.....
Elizabeth & Burn-							
ing Spring.....	D. Gordon.....	300	300 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Williamstown Cir't.	S. D. Jones....	500	446 00	54 00	14 03	.....	.....
Murraysville.....	A. J. Lyon. . .	600	527 00	73 00	.....	.....	.....
Ravenswood and							
Ripley.....	W. D. Warman	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harrisville.....	S. E. Steele.....	750	750 00	.....	6 00	.....	P.
Petroleum.....	F. H. J. King..	500	175 00	325 00	.....	.....	.....
West Union.....	C. H. Lakin....	454	454 00	.....	25 00	.....	30
"	H. M. Law.....	50	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middlebourne.....	E. B. Blundin..	525	386 00	139 00	3 00	.....	.....
Sistersville.....	E. L. Nicholson	500	500 00	.....	19 60	.....	35
Glennville.....	W. W. Kelly...	400	400 00	.....	8 60	.....	.....
Spencer.....	R. R. Hi'leyman	500	300 00	200 00	.....	45 00	50
Calhoun.....	B. F. Rodgers..	300	300 90	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total.....	7729	6788 35	940 65	77 23	45 00	115
Charleston District.							
Charleston Dist....	R. A. Arthur....	1400	1300 00	100 00	.....	.....	200
" Sta.....	G. W. Richmond	1000	1000 00	.....	5 35	.....	.....
" Cir't..	S. F. Smith....	600	600 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Malden " "	C. H. Conway..	500	214 00	286 00	3 00	.....	.....
Raymond City " "	G. W. Metheny.	250	232 00	18 00	1 10	.....	.....
Winfield " "	J. T. Davis.....	240	128 13	111 87	.....	.....	.....
"	Jas. Taylor....	100	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Buffalo " "	C. W. Swartz...	450	213 00	237 00	10 00	.....	.....
Point Pleasant " "	W. H. Shaw.....	700	475 50	224 50	1 00	.....	75
Hartford City " "	E. W. Ryan....	800	609 43	190 57	10 57	.....	.....
Monticello " "	A. B. Smith....	450	450 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cannelton " "	B. Darlington..	600	319 43	280 57	6 00	.....	.....
Summerville " "	L. H. Jordan....	300	260 00	40 00	.....	.....	.....
Webster & Braxton.	J. D. Stricklin.	300	300 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clay Circuit.....	J. A. Cobb.....	100	60 00	40 00	.....	.....	.....
Coal River.....	E. J. Johnson..	300	124 67	175 33	.....	.....	.....
	Total.....	8090	6361 16	172884	36 96	.....	275

Appointments.	Preachers.	Claims	Receipts.	Defic 'n- cies.	C'nf'nce Coll'c'ns	Travel'g Exp'ses.	Rent
Guyandotte District.							
Guyandotte Dist.....	H. D. Rice.....	800	700 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....
" Station.	S. King.....	700	504 00	196 00	2 00	.....	.....
Catlettsburg "	S. Hitchins.....	750	705 00	45 00	6 00	.....	150
Ashland and Coal- ton Circuit.....	J. M. Rife.....	316	316 60	.....	.....	.....	36
" " "	W. Duke, Sup..	320	320 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
" " "	J. Kelly, Sup....	400	150 00	250 00	.....	.....	.....
Wayne Circuit.....	M. L. King.....	550	284 86	265 14	7 00	25 07	.....
" " "	J. S. P. Carroll.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lincoln "	B. Hagar.....	400	155 42	244 58	.....	.....	.....
Logan and Boone...	A. Browning, S.	200	200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wyoming and Mc- Dowell.....	A. Workman, S.	300	252 97	47 03	.....	.....	.....
Raleigh and Mercer	J. P. Coleman..	200	161 15	38 85	1 40	.....	.....
Louisa Circuit.....	A. R. Crislip...	700	350 00	350 00	.....	.....	.....
" " "	H. Newman, S.	200	75 00	125 00	.....	.....	.....
Paintsville "	B. A. Stubbins.	600	360 00	240 00	.....	25 00	.....
Pikeville "	R. Hagar.....	400	75 00	325 00	.....	.....	.....
" " "	G. W. Hannah, S	325	125 00	200 00	.....	.....	.....
Letcher "	J. Flannery, S..	300	250 00	50 00	.....	.....	.....
Magoffin "	J. Abbott.....	200	150 00	50 00	.....	.....	.....
Total.....		7661	5134 40	252660	16 40	50 00	186

Recapitulation.

District.	Claims.	Receipts.	Deficit.	Conf'ence Collect'ns	Travel'g Expen's.	Rent.
Morgantown.....	9,767 00	9,311 09	455 91	245 71	266 38	303 00
Wheeling.....	13,059 00	12,681 94	377 06	399 17	7 00	930 00
Clarksburg.....	9,593 00	8,621 03	971 97	87 53	48 00	320 00
Parkersburg.....	7,729 00	6,788 35	940 65	77 23	45 00	115 00
Charlestown.....	8,909 00	6,361 16	1,728 84	36 96	.....	275 00
Guyandotte.....	7,661 00	5,134 40	2,526 60	16 40	50 00	186 00
Total.....	55,899 00	48,897 97	7,001 03	883 00	416 38	2129 00

Respectfully Submitted,

F. BALL, *Chairman.*E. J. STONE, *Secretary.*

Steward's Report, No. 3.

The Stewards estimate the amount necessary to meet the claims of the superannuated preachers, widows and orphans for the ensuing year, at \$2500, apportioned as follows:

Morgantown District.....	\$500	Charleston District.....	\$250
Wheeling District.....	750	Guyandotte District.....	200
Clarksburg District.....	500		
Parkersburg District.....	400	Total.....	\$2500

F. BALL, *Chairman.*E. J. STONE, *Secretary.*

Statistics of West Virginia Conference for 1868.

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MINUTES WEST VA. CONFERENCE

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				
	Members.	Deaths.	Probab'ners.	L. Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Personages	Probable Value.	For Conference claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Church Extension Society.	For Tract Soc. etc.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday School Union.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.
MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.																				
Morgantown Station.....	182	2	15	2	.....	1	1	\$10,000	1	\$2,00	\$65 00	\$24 40	\$30 00	.....	\$140 00	\$4 29	1	24	175	.....
Morgantown Circuit.....	34	3	80	1	20	12	5	5,000	.....	9,50	24 40	31 50	93 47	\$3 00	.....	5 50	5	48	244	760
Smithtown.....	198	2	99	3	.....	16	5	9,50	.....	1,100	.....	12 00	108 45	.....	6 50	.....	14	140	700	1,600
Monongalia.....	58	6	20	3	.....	5	9	7,000	1	1,100	5 40	77 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	81	500	1,000
Brandonville.....	420	4	210	5	20	25	5	5,000	1	300	12 5	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	51	205	652
Grantsville.....	207	3	44	3	.....	18	5	6,000	1	200	.....	8 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	120	520	1,150
Kingwood.....	42	4	14	1	44	16	4	4,000	.....	.....	30 00	13 5	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	51	193	1019
Oakland.....	312	2	100	1	12	1	4	6,50	.....	2,000	18 3	70 00	.....	1 63	12 00	2 00	10	93	224	630
Rowlesburg.....	240	3	6	.....	1	35	5	4,000	.....	.....	15 00	5 10	.....	1 55	.....	1 15	10	93	224	630
Eynsboro.....	375	6	246	3	1	20	5	2,500	1	500	16 40	49 40	.....	3 00	.....	.....	4	44	300	750
Grafton and Fetterman.....	144	1	11	2	20	1	4	1,500	.....	.....	21 00	37 40	.....	5 00	15 00	6 00	1	27	12	500
Palatine.....	310	5	146	5	14	.....	4	4,000	.....	.....	9 85	26 25	.....	.....	.....	1 00	6	73	305	788
Knottsville.....	246	1	101	3	14	24	3	1,500	.....	.....	7 85	14 50	.....	4 50	.....	.....	.....	25	250	.....
Blacksville.....	600	3	150	3	45	6	7	6,500	1	500	9 50	16 80	45 00	4 00	6 50	2 75	8	100	400	1000
Total.....	4546	46	135	35	219	186	64	\$3,040	7	\$6,600	\$235 71	\$774 47	\$276 92	\$22 68	\$180 00	\$22 69	92	911	4,457	10,764
WHEELING DISTRICT.																				
Wheeling Fourth Street.....	315	6	40	1	5	12	1	55,000	1	5,000	130 00	442 00	.....	20 00	35 00	50 00	1	42	450	1200
Wheeling North Street.....	139	2	25	.....	4	36	1	6,000	1	1,500	15 2	72 00	.....	2 00	4 50	2 50	2	34	295	675
Wheeling Island Charge.....	79	2	13	1	5	9	1	2,500	1	2,500	45 00	127 25	.....	4 00	.....	.....	1	21	231	800
Wheeling Zane Street.....	176	1	3	2	21	28	1	15,000	.....	.....	41 00	54 25	9 70	4 00	12 00	10 00	1	25	250	680
Wheeling Chapline Street.....	140	1	3	2	1	14	1	5,000	1	1,500	33 00	143 43	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	25	22	400
South Wheeling.....	55	.....	.....	.....	21	1	1	1,000	.....	.....	3 00	21 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	33	194	600
Marshall.....	325	4	100	5	20	50	5	4,500	1	300	30 1	60 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	89	300	1,500
Moundsville.....	14	1	45	2	3	4	1	5,000	1	500	23 00	70 00	2 15	2 25	.....	3 80	1	18	140	600
New Martinsville.....	173	.....	6	2	3	.....	4	2,000	.....	.....	3 00	8 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	5	47	220	510
Pine Grove.....	140	.....	195	7	28	13	3	375	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	40	137	550
Mannington.....	303	.....	153	5	53	6	9	5,000	1	1,000	6 20	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	90	500	1200
Greene.....	172	.....	3	4	1	.....	5	1,500	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	67	250	350
Grave Creek.....	284	4	79	1	20	3	5	3,100	.....	.....	20 00	48 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	32	320	871
Dallas.....	300	2	34	1	17	20	3	3,000	.....	.....	30 00	57 00	.....	.....	.....	2 70	3	37	260	350
Triadelphia.....	100	1	13	.....	4	2	2	5,000	1	1,000	8 00	60 00	.....	.....	45 00	.....	2	25	175	321
Short Creek and Liberty.....	163	2	6	1	2	.....	2	5,000	1	500	7 60	17 00	.....	.....	1 2	2 25	2	28	100	411
Rosely and.....	20	.....	20	.....	2	4	1	2,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Belton.....	22	2	66	.....	2	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	35	131	194
Total.....	304	28	99	34	191	223	46	\$122,375	9	\$13,100	\$401 17	\$1200 63	\$ 6 66	\$3 85	\$125 75	\$71 25	59	680	4,121	11,495

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				
	Members.	Deaths.	Probab. ners.	L. Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Confer- ence claim- ants.	For Mission- ary Society.	For Church Extension Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday School Union.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.
CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.																				
Clarksburg Station.....	103	...	54	3	14	.....	1	\$11 000	...	.....	\$ 7 64	\$ 23 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	13	150	300
West Milford Circuit.....	460	1	10	4	35	21	2	6,300	1	600	15 70	31 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	35	250	500
Weston.....	260	2	86	4	20	35	2	2,000	1	3 000	9 00	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	70	500	2000
Frenchton.....	456	4	80	17	25	9	7	7,00	1	600	5 00	15 00	1 50	.....	.....	.....	7	60	342	1000
Pruntytown.....	273	4	23	2	7	4	7	4,600	1	200	14 48	37 50	20 33	.....	.....	.....	2	73	300	700
Philippi.....	303	8	23	6	11	17	8	5,000	1	1 000	12 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	55	300	800
Buckhannon Station.....	200	3	75	2	40	15	2	4,000	.....	.....	20 00	76 00	.....	.....	14 00	.....	2	25	150	500
Buckhannon Circuit.....	310	2	83	3	15	10	6	3,900	.....	.....	15 00	18 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	74	280	860
Upshur.....	30	3	117	1	46	12	7	1,700	.....	.....	.....	3 45	13 00	.....	.....	.....	6	60	200	300
Fairmont Station.....	95	3	25	2	.....	3	1	6,000	1	1,000	9 20	36 00	25 70	.....	7 00	.....	1	19	94	450
Marion.....	277	1	56	.....	6	2	6	3,500	1	500	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	50	200	425
Lumberport.....	214	4	30	4	.....	1	6	2,700	.....	.....	.....	7 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	22	170	200
Beverly.....	188	1	48	1	10	7	5	2,800	.....	.....	.....	9 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	30	103	164
Salem.....	150	1	36	1	5	.....	3	2,000	.....	.....	2 00	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	39	110	281
Bridgeport.....	105	...	20	1	10	.....	3	1,200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	20	60	200
Total.....	3699	37	872	42	237	152	74	\$64,700	7	\$6,900	\$ 9 802	\$288 10	\$ 61 03	.....	\$ 21 00	\$ 1 00	72	647	3,189	8,680
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.																				
Parkersburg Station.....	246	1	30	3	6	7	1	15,000	1	5,000	.....	95 00	.....	.....	31 00	.....	1	25	300	589
Parkersburg Circuit.....	190	1	85	3	16	3	2	400	1	350	1 00	5 00	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	5	20	75	150
Elizabeth and Burning Springs.....	37	1	5	1	2	1	1	1,200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	15	100	200
Williamstown.....	199	1	82	4	17	.....	6	2,850	1	800	14 03	26 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	35	220	500
Murraysville.....	300	4	90	3	16	10	1	600	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	54	300	340
Ravenswood and Ripley.....	150	...	25	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harrisville.....	580	1	170	12	70	29	11	6,000	1	1,500	6 00	73 78	.....	1 00	20 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Petroleum.....	53	...	6	.....	1	.....	.....	350	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	171
West Union.....	304	1	76	1	36	10	5	2,500	.....	.....	25 00	20 00	20 00	3 45	20 60	5 00	10	106	300	1000
Middlebourne.....	410	4	157	2	51	17	8	8,000	1	400	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	260	400
Sistersville.....	265	...	109	3	.....	6	6	6,250	.....	.....	19 60	42 40	.....	.....	36 15	.....	4	25	150	300
Glenville.....	156	...	90	4	6	4	4	1,850	.....	.....	8 60	11 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	57	162	259
Spencer.....	233	4	204	5	21	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	21	125	200
Calhoun.....	273	3	71	1	105	21	2	500	.....	.....	.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	3426	21	1200	44	351	130	48	\$45,500	7	\$8,950	\$ 74 23	\$301 83	\$ 21 00	\$ 4 45	\$105 75	\$ 7 00	56	378	2,177	4,109

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				
	Members.	Deaths.	Probate'ners.	L. Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Church Extension Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday School Union.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.
CHARLESTON DISTRICT.																				
Charleston Station	126	29	3	.....	3	1	\$ 7,000	.....	.....	.....	\$ 5 35	36 36	.....	.....	\$13 00	.....	1	12	70	400
Charleston Circuit	500	7	370	5	20	6	1	250	.....	.....	3 00	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	80	600	.....
Malden Station	62	2	15	2	6	1	1	5,000	1	\$ 400	.....	15 00	.....	\$5 00	.....	.....	1	8	50	400
Raymond City Circuit	284	20	336	6	49	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 10	25 00	.....	50	25	25	8	46	242	376
Monticello	80	1	116	4	30	5	2	700	.....	.....	.....	1 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	25	120	200
Winfield	100	.....	50	1	.....	4	.....	2,250	.....	.....	5 00	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	12	60	300
Buffalo	109	40	40	.....	8	3	2	1,800	.....	.....	10 00	7 00	\$3 00	75	1 00	75	4	35	160	400
Hartford City	243	5	46	3	11	27	4	4,500	.....	.....	10 51	29 40	.....	.....	40 75	.....	4	68	286	725
Point Pleasant	123	2	123	3	3	9	3	5,500	.....	.....	1 00	5 00	.....	50	2 50	50	3	25	140	550
Cannelton	279	2	123	5	71	29	5	10,000	.....	.....	6 00	16 00	.....	1 50	1 00	\$2 00	7	70	210	.....
Summersville	307	3	2 2	3	15	40	4	400	1	100	.....	11 55	.....	50	.....	.....	11	65	133	565
Webster	27	.....	29	2	8	5	1	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Braxton	192	2	153	2	18	12	2	1,000	.....	.....	1 30	10 33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clay	110	.....	114	6	1	4	1	50	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	16	120	.....
Coal River	165	3	13	3	93	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	8	25	.....
Total	2707	47	1785	48	333	178	31	\$38,750	2	500	\$ 43 26	\$176 09	\$30 00	\$8 75	\$58 50	\$3 50	67	470	2426	3816
GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.																				
Guyandotte	54	2	41	1	7	11	2	5,000	.....	.....	2 00	5 25	.....	.....	.....	\$1 25	1	12	67	200
Catlettsburg	95	1	74	.....	19	3	1	4,000	.....	.....	6 00	11 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	18	150	550
Ashland and Coalton	127	1	32	3	1	1	1	2,000	.....	.....	.....	31 60	.....	3 00	.....	.....	4	34	190	440
Wayne	440	2	223	3	21	20	5	1,200	.....	.....	7 00	30 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	20	80	400
Lincoln	146	1	11	4	33	11	2	1,000	.....	.....	.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	20	80	150
Boone and Logan	175	.....	75	4	12	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	15	50	80
Wyoming and McDowell	290	10	290	2	50	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	50	175	165
Raleigh and Mercer	164	1	154	3	36	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 40	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	16	60	.....
Louisa	420	9	40	10	134	59	5	2,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	120	540	1330
Paintsville	301	1	162	12	47	13	1	2,200	.....	.....	1 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	48	310	694
Pikeville	155	.....	35	2	7	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	5	40	.....
McGinn	10	1	20	1	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	6	50	100
Letcher	200		40	4	6															
Total	278	29	167	45	379	197	17	\$17,900			\$ 17 70	\$ 87 00		\$3 00		\$1 25	43	364	1792	4109

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RECAPITULATION.	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY				BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			
	Members.	Deaths.	Probat'ners.	L. Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Church Extension Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday School Union.	For Centenary Fund.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	
DISTRICTS.																						
Morgantown	4546	46	1535	35	219	186	64	\$ 73 0'0	7	\$ 6,600	\$235 71	\$774 47	\$276 92	\$22 69	\$180 00	\$22 60	.....	42	911	4457	10764	
Wheeling	3046	28	909	34	190	223	46	122. 75	9	13,100	401 17	1200 63	15 66	33 85	125 75	71 25	.....	59	680	4121	11495	
Clarksburg	3699	37	872	42	237	1 2	74	64,700	7	6,900	98 02	288 10	61 03	.....	21 00	1 00	.....	72	647	3188	8680	
Parkersburg	3426	21	1200	44	352	133	48	45,500	7	8,950	74 23	301 83	21 00	4 45	108 75	7 00	.....	56	378	2177	4109	
Charleston	2707	47	1784	48	333	178	31	38,7 0	2	500	43 26	176 04	30 00	8 75	58 50	3 50	.....	67	470	2426	3816	
Guyandotte	2578	29	1657	49	379	197	17	17,900	.....	.....	17 70	87 00	.....	3 00	.....	1 25	.....	43	364	1792	4109	
Total	20002	238	7987	252	1710	1074	280	\$362 12	32	\$ 36,050	\$870 09	\$2-28 12	\$405 61	\$72 73	\$494 00	\$106 19	.....	389	3450	18162	42973	
Total last year	19696	230	7087	221	1361	729	253	234 925	32	\$ 28,180	651 31	2375 36	.....	48 69	361 23	48 18	\$68,963 05	306	2876	16321	41214	
Increase	306	.....	870	31	349	345	27	\$127,300	.....	\$ 7,870	\$218 78	\$452 76	.....	\$24 05	\$132 77	\$58 51	.....	83	574	1841	1759	
Decrease .....	.....	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	

FINANCIAL PLAN

As Amended and Adopted by the West Virginia Annual Conference, March 19th, 1863.

PART I.

1. A meeting of the Stewards and Preacher, or Preachers in each Circuit or Station shall be held on the third Saturday after the close of each Annual Conference; the place of holding the meeting to be designated by the last Quarterly Conference of the year.

2. It shall be the duty of the Stewards at this meeting to make an estimate of the amount necessary to furnish house rent, fuel, traveling and moving expenses and support for the families of the Preacher or Preachers appointed to labor for them; and it shall be the duty of this meeting to divide the whole amount among the several classes of the Circuit or Station according to their number, circumstances and privileges.

3. It shall be the duty of this meeting to district the Circuit or Station among the Stewards, giving each his proportion of the classes to attend during the year.

4. It shall be the duty of each Steward, as soon as the estimate shall have been made, to inform each class within his district of the amount apportioned to them; whereupon each class shall appoint a committee of their own number, consisting of five members, including the Leader and Steward of the class, who shall, as soon thereafter as practicable, assign to each member of the class the amount which, in the judgment of said committee, each member ought, according to his or her respective ability, to pay quarterly for the support of the Gospel in the Circuit or Station, so that the entire sum apportioned by the Stewards to that class shall be provided for, which amount so ascertained shall be read to the class at the next regular meeting of the class.

5. It shall be the duty of each Leader, or Class Steward, to see that this amount is regularly collected and placed in the hands of the Stewards or Preachers weekly or quarterly.

6. It shall be the duty of the Stewards to circulate a subscription paper for the support of the Gospel, at all the appointments where it may be deemed expedient, among those persons who are not members of the Church, but are in the habit of attending upon our ministry.

7. It shall be the duty of each Presiding Elder in every Quarterly Conference of his District to have the name of each Leader called by the Secretary, and at the same time report the apportionment of his class, the amount received, and the deficiency, if any; to inquire if there be any of our members who refuse to contribute

to the support of the Gospel; and, if any, their reasons for thus refusing. If their excuses are not satisfactory, it shall be the duty of the Steward of that District or Circuit or Station, or the Preacher in charge to visit them, and try to convince them of the great evil that must result from such a principle if carried out.

8. It shall be the duty of the Stewards at every quarterly meeting to make a report to all the members present of the state of the finances of the Circuit or Station, stating the amount received, and the deficiency, if any, of each class.

9. It shall be the duty of the Leader of every class that may be reported deficient, to inform his class immediately after the Quarterly meeting of the amount of their deficiencies individually.

10. Each Presiding Elder is respectfully requested to inform this Conference, when he represents his District, whether this financial system has been attended to in all his charges.

11. The Presiding Elders are required at the first Quarterly meeting of this year in each Circuit and Station to bring the subject before the Conference; that the Stewards may be confirmed as the Estimating Committee, provided for in the Discipline.

12. The last Quarterly Conference of this year is requested to appoint the Stewards an Estimating Committee for the ensuing year, in conformity with the Discipline.

PART II—CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

The Board of Conference Stewards shall hereafter be constituted by the appointment of one *preacher* and one *layman*, with an alternate from each Presiding Elders' District, in the following manner: The former by nomination and election as heretofore; the latter by a majority of votes cast in his favor at the annual meeting of the District Stewards. Each Lay Steward thus elected shall receive a certificate of his election, signed by the President and Secretary of the meeting. He shall have a home provided for him at the seat of Conference, with the privilege of sitting within the bar, and of participating in the discussion of any question of Finance that may be brought before the Conference.

The joint Board thus constituted shall receive and distribute the funds under the direction of the Conference.

PART III.

1. At each session of the Conference the Conference Stewards shall make an estimate of the amount necessary to assist "all the superannuated Preachers, and the widows and children of deceased Preachers, in obtaining a comfortable support," and to apportion the same among the different Districts, according to their several ability.

2. Each Presiding Elder shall report to the District Steward's meeting, which fixes his own claim, the amount apportioned by the Conference Stewards to his District, and request the said meeting to divide the same among the Circuits and Stations of the District, ac-

according to their several ability; but if in any District, no District Steward's meeting shall be held, then the Presiding Elder of that District and any two Preachers and five Stewards, whom he may select, shall apportion the required sum among the several charges, according to their several ability.

3. It shall be the duty of each Preacher in charge to collect, if possible, in such manner as the Quarterly Conference may deem best, the amount apportioned to his charge, and to transmit the same to the Conference Stewards, and report it as money raised for superannuated Preachers, widows and orphans.

4. All the money so raised shall be distributed by the Conference Stewards among the superannuated Preachers and the widows and orphans who have claims upon the Conference funds, according to their several necessities.

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RULES OF ORDER

ADOPTED FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE

West Virginia Annual Conference.

1. The Conference shall meet at 9 o'clock, A. M., and adjourn at 12, M.
2. The President shall take the Chair precisely at the hour to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer; and shall have the minutes of the preceding day read and approved.
3. He shall see that all business appertaining to the Conference be brought forward, and conducted as directed by the Discipline.
4. He shall preserve order in all proceedings, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of such an appeal, the question shall be taken without debate.
5. He shall plainly state every question, and put the same to vote whenever called for; and all motions or resolutions introduced by any member shall be reduced to writing, if the President, Secretary, or any member, request it.
6. When a motion or resolution is made and recorded, or a report presented and read by the Secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference; but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover before decision or amendment.
7. No new motion shall be made until the one under consideration is disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection; unless one of the following should intervene, which motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are placed, viz: Indefinite postponement, or to a limited time, to amend, or to lie on the table.
8. Every speaker, on any one subject, shall rise and address the President, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the question, or from the rule and decorum of the Conference.
9. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice upon the same question, nor more than fifteen minutes at once, unless he obtain leave of the Conference, which shall be decided by vote, without debate.

10. If in debate, one member misrepresents the arguments of another, the member who is misrepresented shall have the liberty to rise and explain, and the other shall remain silent until such explanation be given.

11. When any member conceives that another is out of order, he may call the attention of the President to the case.

12. When speaking, each member shall have due regard to the feelings of his brethren, by avoiding irritating language and personal reflections.

13. When any motion or resolution shall have passed, it shall be in order for any person who voted in the majority, to move for a reconsideration.

14. No member shall absent himself from the services of the Conference without leave of the Conference, unless he be sick or unable to attend.

15. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar at the time when the question is put by the President, except by leave of the Conference; and every member who shall be within the bar at the time the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Conference, for special reasons, excuse him.

16. No motion shall be considered unless seconded.

17. The Secretary of the Conference shall keep a journal of all the proceedings, and, when approved, shall record the same in a book provided for that purpose. He shall call the list at the opening of each session, noting the absentees, unless the call shall be dispensed with by order of the Conference. He shall take charge of the journals and all Conference papers, keep them safe, and have them forwarded to the place of the Conference sessions.

18. He shall allow no copy of papers, or extracts from the journal of the Conference to be taken, without the leave of the Conference.

19. No Preacher shall bring any charge against any member of the Conference until he has first given information of the same, either by letter or otherwise, so as the accused may have an opportunity of defense.

20. The President shall appoint all committees not otherwise specially ordered by the Conference.

21. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

MINUTES.

THE WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church, commenced its Twenty-Second Annual Session in Clarksburg, West Virginia, March 11th, 1869, Bishop E. R. Ames, presiding. Religious services were conducted by the Bishop.

Secretaries—Alex. Martin, D. D., J. W. Davis, M. V. B. White and J. A. Kibbie.

COMMITTEES.

On Public Worship—S. W. Davis, S. Steele.

Board of Stewards, Ministerial—J. M. Powell, T. B. Hughes, R. M. Wallace, S. E. Steele, A. Hall, S. King.

Board of Stewards, Lay—Smith Crane, A. M. Adams, N. Goff, James McKinney, Jacob Bird.

On Necessitous Cases—The Board of Stewards.

On Missions—The Presiding Elders.

On Education—Wm. Hunter, W. M. Mullenix, W. R. White, J. A. Kibbie, E. W. Ryan, S. King.

On Sunday Schools—S. Hitchens, B. Ison, E. C. Wayman, E. B. Blunden, G. W. Matheny, C. W. Swartz.

On Parsonages—C. Conner, J. M. Warden, R. Northcraft.

On Periodicals—J. B. Feather, G. Martin, J. W. Reger, S. D. Jones, C. H. Conaway, S. King.

On Tracts—C. Lakin, E. Ford, L. D. Casto.

On Bible Cause—W. L. Hindman, R. A. Arthur, W. E. Williamson, W. W. Kelley, B. Darlington, C. W. Swartz.

On Temperance—R. R. Highleyman, T. H. Trainer, D. Cool.

To Audit the Accounts of the Presiding Elders—M. Allen, H. C. Sanford, F. Ball, R. R. Highleyman, B. Darlington, S. King.

On Church Extension—The Presiding Elders.

On Publication of the Minutes—G. Martin, A. J. Lyda, W. M. Mullenix, J. P. Farmer.

To Collect Funds for Publication of Minutes—W. C. Wilson, W. F. Cannon, S. D. B. Prickett, A. J. Lyon, C. H. Conaway, C. W. Swartz.

On the Distribution of Conference Funds—Board of Stewards, with the aid of W. Hunter, G. Martin, and M. Titchenell.

On Post Offices—T. M. Hartly, W. C. Snodgrass.

On Wheeling Female College—Presiding Elder of Wheeling District, and stationed preachers in the city.

On Periodicals and Book Accounts—J. P. Farmer,

On the Observance of the Sabbath—J. J. Dolliver, E. L. Nicholson, W. F. Cannon.

Committees of Examination for 1870.

To Examine Candidates for Admission on Trial—The Presiding Elder and Preacher in charge.

First Year—J. M. Powel, T. M. Hartley, S. King.

Second Year—B. Ison, W. C. Wilson, E. C. Wayman.

Third Year—W. M. Mullenix, J. A. Kibbje, T. B. Hughes.

Fourth Year—A. J. Lyon, J. W. Reger, J. L. Clarke.

Local Preachers for Deacon's Orders—J. B. Feather, H. C. Sanford.

Local Preachers for Elder's Orders—A. Hall, M. McBee.

To Preach Missionary Sermon—E. F. Pitcher.

Alternate—M. W. Rider.

Disciplinary Questions.

Question I. Who are admitted on trial?

Answer. Michael Dowler, Jonas P. Thatcher, John S. Freeland, John A. Hunter, Erastus C. Woodruff, Logan A. Tallman, William J. Sharps, John W. Hess, William Grose, George W. Miller, S. F. Smith.

Q. II. Who remain on trial?

A. J. M. Eckess, W. C. Snodgrass, William E. Loomis, Lewis H. Jordan, Francis M. Hughes, D. W. Carrico, John P. Farmer.

Q. III. Who are admitted into full connection, and ordained Deacons?

A. Richard R. Highleyman, J. P. Coleman, S. B. D. Prickett, E. F. Pitcher.

Q. IV. Who are the deacons?

A. Wesley F. Cannon, W. W. Kelley, M. W. Rider, Gilbert Rogers, Edgar B. Blundin, Daniel S. Benidum.

Q. V. Who are elected and ordained Elders this year?

A. George W. Matheny, J. A. Kibbie, Thomas M. Hartley, Calvin H. Lakin.

Q. VI. Who have located this year?

A. J. S. P. Carroll, C. W. Swartz, A. W. Gregg, R. Laughlin, M. L. King, Robert Hagar, C. H. Conway.

Q. VII. Who are the supernumerary preachers?

A. Moses Titchenell, A. J. Lyon, W. H. Shaw, J. B. Pinchin.

Q. VIII. Who are the superannuated preachers?

A. A. B. Rohrbough, J. Birkitt, A. Dixon, P. Jones, R. L. Brooks, F. Guthrie, P. Green, J. B. West, G. Monroe, R. L. Woodyard, A. Stevens, J. L. Sanford, D. A. McGinnis, W. R. Howe.

Q. IX. Who have been expelled this year?

A. None.

Q. X. Who have withdrawn this year?

A. J. B. McCormick.

Q. XI. Who have died this year?

A. None.

Q. *XII.* What is the number of Church Members, Probationers, and Local Preachers.

A. Members,	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,334
Probationers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,748
Local Preachers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	206
Traveling and Superannuated	-	-	-	-	-	-	101
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,389
Total last year,	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,300

Decrease,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,911
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This decrease was occasioned by the appropriation of a part of our territory to the Kentucky Conference, by the action of the General Conference.

Q. What amounts are necessary for superannuated preachers, the widows and orphans of ministers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not received their regular allowance from the circuits and stations?

A. \$6,667 20.

Q. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

A. From circuits and stations,	-	-	678 68
From Chartered Fund,	-	-	30 00
From interest on money in hands of Rev. S. Steele,	-	-	6 50
Amount from unknown sources,	-	-	90 17
Total,	-	-	\$805 35

Which has been applied as follows:

Rev. R. L. Brooks,	-	\$135 00	Widow Burns	-	\$15 00
" F. Guthrie,	-	132 80	" Battelle,	-	15 00
" A. Dixon,	-	105 00	Rev. W. E. Loomis,	-	40 00
" P. Green,	-	105 00	Stationery,	-	3 55
Widow Warman,	-	129 00			
" Vandervort,	-	125 00	Total	-	805 35

Q. What has been collected for the support of missions?

A. From the circuits and stations,	-	\$2,865 70
Collected, anniversary Conference Society,	-	161 35
		\$3,027 05

Q. What has been collected for the Sunday School Union?

A. - - - - - \$ 91 72

Q. What has been collected for the American Bible Society?

A. - - - - - 589 72

Q. What has been collected for tract cause?

A. - - - - - 67 30

Q. What has been collected for church extension?

A. - - - - - 27 50

Total,	-	-	-	-	\$3,803 29
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Q. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>
Morgantown District.....	J. B. Blakeney, P. E., Morgantown, Monongalia Co., W. Va.	
“ Station.....	E. F. Pitcher.....	“ “ “ “
“ Circuit.....	S. Hitchens.....	“ “ “ “
Smithtown.....	To be supplied.	
Monongalia.....	J. J. Dolliver.....	} Granville, “ “ “
	J. A. Hunter.....	
Brandonville.....	J. B. Feather.....	} Brandonville, Preston “ “
	One to be supplied	
Grantsville.....	E. C. Woodruff.....	Grantsville, Allegheny “ Md.
Kingwood.....	M. McNeel.....	Kingwood, Preston “ W. Va.
Oakland.....	J. M. Powell.....	Oakland, Allegheny “ Md.
Newburg & Rowl'burg.....	W. C. Wilson.....	Rowlesburg, Preston “ W. Va.
Evansville.....	L. D. Casto.....	Evansville, Taylor “ “
Grafton & Fetterman.....	J. L. Clark.....	Grafton, “ “ “
Palatine.....	W. L. Hindman.....	Palatine, Marion “ “
Knottsville.....	J. W. Hess.....	Knottsville, Taylor “ “
Blacksville.....	C. Conner.....	Jollytown, Greene “ Pa.
St. George.....	W. D. Carrico.....	St. George, Tucker “ W. Va.
A. Martin, President West Virginia University, and member of Morgantown Quarterly Conference.		
W. Hunter, Professor Allegheny College, and member of Morgantown Quarterly Conference.		

WHEELING DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post-Office..</i>
Wheeling District.....	G. Martin, P. E.....	Wheeling, Ohio Co., W. Va.
Wheeling Fourth St.....	Wm. M. Mullenix.....	“ “ “ “
“ North St.....	T. B. Hughes.....	“ “ “ “
“ Island.....	J. W. Webb.....	“ “ “ “
“ Zane St.....	J. P. Farmer.....	“ “ “ “
“ Chapline St.....	A. J. Lyda.....	“ “ “ “
South Wheeling.....	M. V. B. White.....	“ “ “ “
Marshall.....	R. A. Arthur.....	} “ “ “ “
	One to be supplied.	
Moundsville.....	B. Ison.....	Moundsville, Marshall “ “
New Martinsville.....	G. W. Miller.....	New Martinsville, Wetzel “ “
Pine Grove.....	To be supplied.....	Pine Grove, Marion “ “
Mannington.....	T. H. Trainer.....	Mannington, “ “ “
Greene.....	To be supplied.....	Bellton, Marshall “ “
Cameron.....	F. M. Hughes.....	Cameron, “ “ “
Grave Creek.....	W. F. Cannon.....	Roseby's Rock, “ “ “
Dallas.....	M. Dowler.....	Dallas, “ “ “
Triadelphia.....	F. Ball.....	Triadelphia, Ohio “ “
Short Creek & Liberty.....	J. M. Warden.....	West Liberty, “ “ “

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>
Clarksburg District.....	S. Steele, P. E.....	Clarksburg, Harrison Co., W. Va.
“ Station.....	S. W. Davis.....	“ “ “ “
West Milford.....	S. King.....	} West Milford, “ “ “
	J. M. Eckess.....	
Weston.....	M. W. Rider.....	Weston, Lewis “ “

Frenchton.....	A. A. Reger.....	Centreville,	Upshur	Co., W. Va.
Pruntytown.....	R. M. Wallace.....	Pruntytown,	Taylor	" "
Phillippi.....	W. E. Williamson.....	Phillippi,	Barbour	" "
Buckhannon Station...	H. C. Sandford.....	Buckhannon,	Upshur	" "
" Circuit.....	J. W. Reger.....	"	"	" "
Upshur.....	G. Rogers.....	"	"	" "
Fairmont.....	E. C. Wayman.....	Fairmont,	Marion	" "
Marion.....	M. Allen.....	Barracksville,	"	" "
Lumberport.....	D. S. Benedum.....	Lumberport,	"	" "
Beverly.....	T. M. Hartley.....	Beverly,	Randolph	" "
Salem.....	D. Cool.....	Salem,	Harrison	" "
Bridgeport.....	S. B. D. Prickett.....	Bridgeport,	"	" "
Braxton.....	L. A. Tallman.....	Braxton C H,	Braxton	" "
Webster.....	J. A. Williams.....			
Glenville.....	W. W. Kelley.....	Glenville,	Gilmer	" "
R. W. White, Principal State Normal School, member of Fairmont Quarterly Conference.				
J. L. Irwin, Agent American Bible Society, member of Fairmont Quarterly Conference.				

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>		
Parkersburg District...	T. H. Monroe, P. E...	Parkersburg,	Wood	Co., W. Va.
" Station...	J. A. Kibbe.....	"	"	" "
" Circuit & Elizabeth...	E. Ford.....	"	"	" "
Williamstown.....	E. L. Nicholson.....	} Williamstown,	"	" "
	One to be supplied...		"	" "
Murraysville..	C. H. Lakin.....	Murraysville,	Jackson	" "
Ripley.....	J. P. Coleman.....	Ripley,	"	" "
Harrisville.....	A. Hall.....	} Harrisville,	Ritchie	" "
	One to be supplied...		"	" "
Ellenboro.....	J. P. Thatcher.....	Ellenboro,	"	" "
Petroleum.....	W. C. Snodgrass.....			
West Union.....	S. D. Jones.....	West Union,	Doddridge	" "
Sistersville.....	J. W. W. Bolton.....	Sistersville,	Tyler	" "
Middlebourne..	E. B. Blundin.....	Middlebourne,	"	" "
Spencer.....	R. R. Highleyman..	} Spencer,	Roane	" "
	One to be supplied...		"	" "
Calhoun.....	To be supplied.....	Calhoun C. H.,	Calhoun	" "
Hartford City.....	D. H. K. Dix.....	Hartford City,	Mason	" "
Point Pleasant & West Columbia.....	R. Northcraft.....	Point Pleasant,	"	" "

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

<i>Appointments.</i>	<i>Preachers.</i>	<i>Post-Office.</i>		
Charleston District....	G. W. Richmond, P. E.	Kanawha C. H.,	Kanawha Co.	W. Va.
" Station.....	E. W. Ryan.....	"	"	" "
" Circuit and Malden.....	B. Darlington.....	"	"	" "
Raymond City & Mill Creek	W. E. Loomis and W. Grose.....			
Winfield.....	G. W. Matheny.....	Winfield,	Putnam	" "
Buffalo.....	To be supplied.....	Buffalo,	"	" "
Mountain Cove.....	" "			
Fayette.....	" "			
Summersville.....	L. H. Jordan.....	Summersville,	Nicholas	" "
Elk River.....	A. B. Smith.....			
Coal River.....	J. W. Sharps.....			

Guyandotte.....	S. E. Steele.....	Guyandotte,	Cabell Co., W. Va.
Wayne.....	V. Sanford.....	Wayne C. H.	Wayne " "
Hamline.....	B. Hagar.....	Hamline,	Lincoln " "
Boone and Logan.....	J. S. Freeland.....	Logan C. H.,	Logan " "
Wyoming	To be supplied.....	Wyoming C. H.,	Wyoming " "
Raleigh.....	F. H. J. King.....		
McDowell and Mercer.....	To be supplied.....		

LOCAL PREACHERS.

MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.

Chas. McLain.....	Morgantown,	Monongalia County, W. Va.
A. L. Wade.....	"	" " "
G. W. Smith.....	Granville,	" " "
J. M. Waters.....	"	" " "
M. L. Boyers.....	"	" " "
Joseph Grubb, E.....	White Day,	Preston " "
T. Hawkins.....	Raccoon,	" " "
J. H. Gibson, L.....	Brandonville,	" " "
D. Titchenell, D.....	Muddy Creek,	" " "
L. Warman, D.....	Ice's Ferry,	Monongalia " "
J. Bailey.....	Granville,	" " "
J. N. Steward.....	Laurel Point,	" " "
J. Dewitt.....	Grantsville,	Alleghany " Md.
D. H. Friend.....	"	" " "
J. N. Loudermilk.....	Selbysport,	" " "
J. M. Davis, D.....	Oakland,	" " "
P. S. Barrack.....	Tunnelton,	Preston " W. Va.
F. G. W. Ford, L.....	Kasson,	Barbour " "
E. S. Wilson.....	Knottsville,	Preston " "
E. G. Murphy.....	Grafton,	Taylor " "
C. W. Swearingen, L.....	Palatine,	Marion " "
J. J. Davis, L.....	Colfax,	" " "
S. Harris, L.....	Winfield,	" " "
I. Hawkins, D.....	"	" " "
J. Swisher, L.....	Forksburg,	" " "
C. Ringer.....	Morgan's Glade,	Preston " "
J. C. Robinson.....	Glade Farms,	" " "
M. Doolittle, L.....		

E for Elder, D for Deacon, L for Licentiate.

WHEELING DISTRICT.

E. J. Stone, E.....	Wheeling,	Ohio	County, W. Va.
W. G. Hobbs, E.....	"	"	" "
J. Willetts, D.....	"	"	" "
J. A. Lancaster, L.....	"	"	" "
Jas. Baggs, L.....	"	"	" "
S. Jones, E.....	Moundsville,	Marshall	" "
G. Pelly, E.....	"	"	" "
J. A. Alexander, E.....	"	"	" "
W. Evans, L.....	"	"	" "
J. McElfresh, L.....	Pine Grove,	Wetzel	County, W. Va.
W. Wilcox, L.....	"	"	" "
J. Edgel, L.....	"	"	" "
J. Musgrave, L.....	"	"	" "
J. Hall, L.....	"	"	" "
J. D. Snodgrass, D.....	"	"	" "
J. M. Sterling, L.....	"	"	" "
J. Alley, E.....	Glen Easton,	Marshall	" "
G. Franklin, L.....	Bellton,	"	" "
G. W. Parrot, L.....	"	"	" "
D. Cunningham, E.....	Mannington,	Marion	" "
W. Conway, L.....	"	"	" "
A. Ney, L.....	"	"	" "
R. Wilson, L.....	Dallas,	Marshall	" "
B. F. Charlton, L.....	Mannington,	Marion	" "
W. Darling, L.....	West Liberty,	Ohio	" "
J. M. Davis, L.....	Cameron,	Marshall	" "
S. Loveall, L.....	New Martinsville,	Wetzel	" "
D. J. M'Ginnis,.....	Wheeling,	Ohio	" "

CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.

D. Rector,.....	Clarksburg,	Harrison County, West Va.
J. Conwell,.....	"	" " "
J. Holt,.....	West Milford,	" " "
J. G. Thompson,.....	Clarksburg,	" " "
A. C. Rider,.....	Quiet Dell,	" " "
S. P. Wilson,.....	Kincheloe,	Lewis " "
N. Snider,.....	Weston,	" " "
J. Law,.....	"	" " "
G. W. Dean,.....	"	" " "
J. McWhorter,.....	"	" " "
J. C. McCoy,.....	"	" " "
G. S. Riddle,.....	Frenchton,	Upshur, " "
S. Wilson,.....	"	" " "
A. Vincent,.....	Shinnston,	Harrison " "
I. Vincent,.....	Centerville,	Upshur " "
W. H. Young,.....	"	" " "
J. J. Nixon,.....	Boothsville,	Marion " "

J. Pittman,.....	Phillippi,	Barbour County, West Va.		
C. W. Upton,.....	"	"	"	"
D. R. Poling,.....	"	"	"	"
S. S. Lockney,.....	"	"	"	"
J. R. Passton,.....	Pleasant Creek,	"	"	"
A. C. Boyles,.....	Phillippi,	"	"	"
Jas. Teter,.....	Bealington,	"	"	"
D. K. Ford,.....	Kasson,	"	"	"
G. A. Compton,.....	"	"	"	"
H. L. Cox,.....	"	"	"	"
L. Kittle,.....	Bealington,	"	"	"
D. S. Pinnell,.....	Buckhannon,	Upshur County, West Va.		
E. Bennett,.....	"	"	"	"
J. Waugh,.....	"	"	"	"
J. S. W. Dean,.....	"	"	"	"
W. Ward,.....	"	"	"	"
J. Burns,.....	Fairmont,	Marion	"	"
D. Turney,.....	"	"	"	"
M. W. Davis,.....	Cherry Camp,	Harrison	"	"
Hanning Foggy,.....	Beverley,	Randolph	"	"
Austin Reader,.....	Bridgeport,	Harrison	"	"

PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.

J. Steward, L.....	Toll Gate,	Doddridge County, W. V.		
J. T. Hickman, D.....	Sistersville,	Tyler	"	"
— Ray, L.....	Fountain Springs,	Wood	"	"
T. Park,	Ravenswood,	Jackson	"	"
W. Mahon, L.....	"	"	"	"
S. Williams, L.....	"	"	"	"
S. Ball, D.....	"	"	"	"
W. R. Martin, L.....	Cottageville,	"	"	"
W. J. Custar, L.....	"	"	"	"
J. Steele, D.....	Lockhart's Run,	Wood	"	"
O. Stevens, D.....	Fountain Springs,	"	"	"
Rufus Kanard, L.....	Williamstown,	"	"	"
B. Athey, D.....	"	"	"	"
Levi Newbanks, D.....	Bull Creek,	"	"	"
E. McPherson, L.....	Parkersburg,	"	"	"
R. L. Callahan, E.....	"	"	"	"
C. Anderson, L.....	Bellville,	"	"	"
S. M. Robinson, L.....	Elizabeth,	Wirt	"	"
E. Riddle, L.....	Harrisville,	Ritchie	"	"
— Curry, L.....	Ellenboro,	"	"	"
J. Trainer, L.....	"	"	"	"
E. Clayton, L.....	White Oak,	"	"	"
J. W. Miller, D.....	Bone Creek,	"	"	"
E. L. Snodgrass, D.....	"	"	"	"
A. Malone, D.....	"	"	"	"
H. M. Law, L.....	"	"	"	"
D. C. Heaton, L.....	Parkersburg,	Wood	"	"
J. Hardman, D.....	Goff's P. O.	Ritchie	"	"

S. Pringle, L.....	Spencer,	Roane	County,	W. Va.
B. Rogers, D.....	"	"	"	"
E. Radebough, L.....	"	"	"	"
D. Skidmore, L.....	"	"	"	"
W. Yerkey, D.....	Glenville,	Gilmer	"	"
T. Crain, L.....	"	"	"	"
J. W. Amos, E.....	Parkersburg,	Wood	"	"
D. King, L.....	Sisterville,	Tyler	"	"
J. Parker, L.....	Grand View,	Washington	"	Ohio.
G. McIntire, L.....	Moore's,	Tyler	"	W. V.
R. Martin, L.....	Van Camp,	Wetzel	"	"
D. Meredith, D.....	"	"	"	"
J. Delaney, L.....	Bellville,	Jackson	"	"
C. Anderson, L.....	"	"	"	"
John Johnson, L.....	Sandyville,	"	"	"

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

J. G. Ripley,.....	Mill Creek,	Fayette	County,	West Va.
J. B. Hannah,.....	Mountain Cove,	"	"	"
J. Scarbough.....	"	"	"	"
Wm. Johnson,.....	Fayetteville,	"	"	"
Jno. Kincaid,.....	"	"	"	"
Robert McCutcheon,.....	Nicholas C. H.	Nicholas	"	"
Joseph Hutchinson,.....	"	"	"	"
S. F. Williams,.....	"	"	"	"
A. Gregory,.....	Addison,	Webster	"	"
Wm. Gregory,.....	"	"	"	"
Wm. Baxter,.....	Braxton C. H.	Braxton	"	"
Wm. B. Rose,.....	"	"	"	"
N. W. Shannon,.....	"	"	"	"
S. B. Grose,.....	"	"	"	"
A. Waugh,.....	"	"	"	"
James Ashley,.....	"	"	"	"
D. Schoonover,.....	"	"	"	"
J. Morton,.....	"	"	"	"
W. D. Sanford, D.....	"	"	"	"
C. King,.....	"	"	"	"
J. A. Cobb,.....	"	"	"	"
W. A. Woodall,.....	Kanawha C. H.	Kanawha	"	"
W. Surratt,.....	"	"	"	"
J. P. Withrow,.....	"	"	"	"
W. Atkinson,.....	"	"	"	"
Robert Woodall,.....	"	"	"	"
J. S. Moses,.....	Putnam C. H.	Putnam	"	"
J. Conner, D.....	Kanawha C. H.	Kanawha	"	"
D. Needman, E.....	"	"	"	"
T. A. Marston,.....	Point Pleasant,	Mason	"	"
James Taylor,.....	"	"	"	"
E. S. Maguire,.....	"	"	"	"

J. Bird,.....	Mason City,	Mason County, West Va.		
W. W. Harper,.....	"	"	"	"
R. Brooks,.....	Coal's Mouth,	Kanawha	"	"
E. Berry,.....	"	"	"	"
W. Bias,.....				"
T. Davis,.....				
L. W. Berry.....				
J. Hudson,.....				
A. D. Perry,.....				
R. Cadwalder,.....	Charleston,	Kanawha County, W. V.		
J. S. P. Carroll,.....	Buffalo Shoals,	Wayne	"	"
J. T. Carroll,.....	Hamlin,	Lincoln	"	"
Jas. Black,.....	"	"	"	"
E. Spurlock,.....	"	"	"	"
R. Hagar,.....	Boone C. H.	Boone	"	"
A. Browning,.....	Logan C. H.	Logan	"	"
J. Browning,.....	"	"	"	"
A. Workman,.....	Beckleysville,	Raleigh	"	"
G. Crook,.....	Jumping Branch,	Mercer	"	"
N. C. Beckley,.....	"	"	"	"
J. Webb,.....	Beckleysville,	Raleigh	"	"
M. Ownby,.....	Wyoming C. H.	Wyoming	"	"
C. Hinchman,.....	Rich Creek,	Logan	"	"

Report of the Committee on Education.

Your Committee assumes that the Conference is too well instructed to need any homily on the general subject of education; too deeply impressed with its importance as an auxiliary of religion, and as a requisite to human improvement and progress, to require an annual address for its enlightenment. They take it for granted that what is wanted chiefly is a few statements, mostly of an historical character, concerning the several institutions in which you are more especially interested; and something thrown into proper form, for action in respect to them, we therefore present the following:

1. ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

The report of the Board of Trustees, just read to the Conference, renders it unnecessary for your Committee to enter into a lengthened statement of the condition and prospects of this old and long cherished institution. It has thus far performed a good work for the Church and the world, and we trust that it may still live and prosper; that whatever financial embarrassment may now retard its progress may be only temporary, and that a kind Providence may make its future history even more honorable than that of the past. Wishing it all desirable prosperity, we recommend the appointment of the customary committees.

1. For the Board of Control—Alexander Martin, D. D., Rev. A. J. Lyda, of this Conference, B. F. Martin, of Pruntytown, and H. K. List, of Wheeling.

2. Visiting Committee—Revs. W. M. Mullenix, J. A. Kibbe, of this Conference, Dr. T. H. Logan, of Wheeling, and J. M. Dils, Esq., of Parkersburg.

2. MORGANTOWN FEMALE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

We deem it proper to note, simply as a matter of history, that this institution, which has for a number of years been under the patronage of this conference, has been sold by the trustees, to a responsible and experienced party, and while we wish it all success, we deem it proper to say that we have no further responsibility concerning it.

3. NORTH WESTERN VIRGINIA ACADEMY.

We have only to state respecting the building in this place, known by the above name, the same in substance as in our last year's report, viz: That by an arrangement with the managers of the public schools of the state, it is temporarily merged in the public school system, and is now used as a high school. This was probably a wise arrangement, and the best that could be dyne under the circumstances.

4. THE WEST VIRGINIA EDUCATIONAL FUND.

We learn by oral report from the treasurer of this fund, Hon. Nathan Goff, that the amount of the fund at present, is two thousand four hun-

dred and sixty dollars. This is invested partly in government bonds, and partly in bonds and notes of private persons, and is all bearing interest. Brother Goff also informs us that the interests accruing and paid in, from time to time, for the last few years, have been invested in the same manner, we find it thus upon the increase. Your committee are not prepared, at present, to recommend any action concerning it, but are of the opinion that the conference is under obligation to Brother Goff for his faithful and careful management of the trust committed to him.

5. WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

In common with other citizens of the commonwealth, we and our people, should feel a lively interest in the success and prosperity of this young and promising institution, and give to it a cordial support and a liberal patronage. We have full confidence in the wisdom of its management and the capability of its President and faculty, and that it will be an efficient instrumentality, in promoting the cause of christian education.

6. PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE STATE.

Your committee are gratified to learn that the system of common schools adopted by the legislature is doing well, and promising grand results in the future. Numerous school houses have been erected, and others are in process of construction. Improved methods of instruction have been introduced, and Normal Schools, Institutes, and associations of teachers are doing much to advance the good cause.

We commend the public schools of the various grades to the attention of the members of the church, in the several fields of labor, as deserving of their hearty encouragement and cordial co-operation.

W. M. MULLENIX, *Chairman*

An Act to incorporate the Educational Society of Western Virginia.

Passed May, 27, 1852.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly, That Nathan Goff, Charles Lewis, Walter Ebert, Moses Titchenell, Alexander Martin and Samuel R. Dawson of the county of Harrison, be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of the Educational Society of Western Virginia, and by that name shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, with power to purchase, receive and hold to them and their successors forever, any lands, tenements, rents, goods and chattels, of whatever kind soever, which may have been, or may be purchased by or devised, or given to them for the use of the said society, and to lease, sell, rent, or otherwise dispose of the same, in such manner as shall seem most conducive to the advantage of said society: Provided that the lands, goods and chattels so authorized to be held shall not exceed in amount or value the sum of fifty thousand dollars: and provided that not less than a majority of the trustees for the time being shall be sufficient to authorize the sale or mortgage of any real estate belonging to said society.

The said trustees and their successors shall have power to appoint a president, treasurer, librarian, tutors, and such other officers as they may deem necessary, and to endow a professorship, or professorships in such

college, academy, or seminary of learning in Western Virginia, as they select after having first obtained the concurrence, approbation, and consent of two-thirds of all the trustees of any such college, academy, or seminary of learning, by an order for that purpose, being first duly entered on the minutes or record of the proceedings of the Board of Trustees of such college, academy or seminary of learning so proposed to be endowed by them in the manner provided as aforesaid, and also to make and establish from time to time, such by-laws, rules and regulations not contrary to the laws of this State, or of the United States; as they may deem necessary for the good government of said society. A majority of the trustees shall constitute a board for the transaction of business and any vacancy, or vacancies amongst the trustees occasioned by death, resignation, removal from the county, or legal disability, shall be supplied by appointment of the board.

The treasurer shall receive all monies accruing to the society, and property delivered to his care, and shall pay or deliver the same to the order of the board. Before entering on his duties he shall give bond with such security and in such penalty as the board may direct, made payable to the trustees for the time being, and their successors, and conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duty, under such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the board, and it shall be lawful for the said trustees to obtain judgment for the amount thereof or for any special delinquencies incurred by said treasurer, on motion in the circuit court of Harrison county against the said treasurer and his securities, his or thier executors, or administrators, upon giving ten days notice of such motion.

The legislature reserves to itself the right to repeal, change, or modify this act.

This act shall be in force from its passage.

The Committee to whom was reported the Bible Cause, submit the following report :

Resolved, 1. That we have increasing confidence in the efficiency of the American Bible Society and its agencies, and that we will give it our sympathies, prayers and cordial support, and that we will, in the absence of the regular State Agent, faithfully take the usual Bible Collection in our Congregations.

2. That we will encourage the Society's agent in his arduous duties as far as it is in our power to do so.

3. That we have full confidence in the wisdom, ability and piety of our highly esteemed Brother, Rev. J. L. Irwin, and that we respectfully request the Bishop, if in harmony with his views and the general good of the work, to re-appoint him to the Bible Agency.

W. L. HINDMAN,
W. E. WILLIAMSON.

ON THE SABBATH.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report :

That in our judgment the sanctity of the Sabbath is closely connected with religious, national and temporal prosperity.

We recognize the laws of our Commonwealth on the observance of the Sabbath day as good and wholesome ; therefore

Resolved, 1. That the laws on this subject should be promptly enforced.

Resolved, 2. That we earnestly recommend the faithful observance of the Sabbath to all our members.

JAMES J. DOLLIVER.

On Periodicals.

The Pittsburgh *Christian Advocate* has been our official organ since the formation of our Conference. Its circulation ought to be largely increased in West Virginia. We do not urge this for the sake of the *Advocate* alone, but that our people may be instructed in the current history of the Church. We can never have a living, active membership until we scatter among them, more abundantly, our periodical literature. The Missionary Society does wisely in sending out the *Missionary Advocate*. It is hoped that all the preachers in this Conference will remember that the paper can be obtained without cost. Its larger circulation will tend to open the hearts of our people in respect to the cause it advocates.

The Sunday School Department of our Church is also well supplied in this respect.

Our *Quarterly Review* is admitted to be one of the best in the country. All the preachers of the Conference ought to take it, and obtain for it as many subscribers as possible.

The *Ladies' Repository*, published at Cincinnati, is one of the best magazines in the country, and is conducted in a manner highly honorable to the Church. All these periodicals have been enlarged and improved, and are in a flourishing condition.

The latest addition to our Church periodical literature is the *Golden Hours*, the new first class illustrated monthly for boys and girls, ordered by the last General Conference. In view of the fact that the land is flooded with publications of a similar character, many of which are filled with the seeds of infidelity, under the guise of truth, thus leading our young people away from the faith of their fathers and alienating them from the precious truths of the Bible, the importance of this publication, which parents may not hesitate to place in the hands of their children, cannot be over-estimated. We cordially recommend the *Golden Hours* to the attention of our people.

JOS. B. FEATHER, *Chairman*.

On Sabbath Schools.

WHEREAS, The various Sabbath Schools under the care of the Church are justly regarded as its *Nurseries*; and their interests being committed, to a considerable degree, into the hands of the Pastors, hence we would suggest,

First. That we should, more than ever, enter heartily into this important work, and introduce, as far as possible, every improvement of the day into all the Sunday Schools within our bounds.

Second, That we urgently request as many of the brethren as can consistently do so, to attend the "*Conference Sunday School Institute*," to be held at *Fairmont*, in June.

Also, that we request the Committee on Sabbath Schools of each Circuit and Station to select one lay delegate to attend the above named Institute.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. HITCHENS, *Chairman*.

E. B. BLUNDON, *Secretary*.

On Parsonages.

We find that four new Parsonages have been either erected or purchased during the year. We beg leave to present the following resolutions for adoption :

1st. That we recommend our people, in the several fields of labor, to secure good homes for their Pastors, either by building or otherwise.

2d. That the Presiding Elder of each district be requested to use his influence to secure the above object, by bringing the matter before the Quarterly Conferences of the charges that are destitute of parsonages.

CALVIN CONNER, *Chairman*.

On Temperance.

The Committee on Temperance report as follows :

Intemperance has and still is prevailing to an alarming extent in our country, and is the source of much suffering. We are glad to see that strong efforts are being made in many parts of our State to check its progress, and that great good has been the result. We believe it is the duty of the Christian Church to assist the Temperance organizations in driving this evil from our land. Therefore,

Resolved, That we will preach during the ensuing year on this subject.

D. COOL, *Chairman*.

On Tract Cause.

Your committee report that the Tract cause should be supported more liberally than it is. There have been sixty-seven dollars and fifteen cents collected from the different Circuits and Stations. Eight dollars and seventy-five cents have been paid over to the Tract Society, and we have on hand fifty-eight dollars and forty cents.

We urge upon the brethren an increased effort for the good of the society.

C. H. LAKIN, *Chairman*.

On Church Extension.

The Committee on Church Extension present their report, recommending the appointment of the following persons as a Conference Church Extension Board:

<i>President</i> —GIDEON MARTIN.	<i>Cor. Secretary</i> —W. M. MULLENIX.
<i>Vice President</i> —C. D. HUBBARD.	<i>Recording "</i> —JOHN BAILIE.
<i>Treasurer</i> —JAMES REED.	
J. L. CLARK,	GEORGE M. HAGANS,
S. W. DAVIS,	NATHAN GOFF,
E. FORD,	JAMES DILS,
E. W. RYAN,	P. W. MORGAN.

J. L. CLARK, *Chairman*.

Clarksburg, March 13, 1869.

Received, Clarksburg, W. Va., March 12th, 1869, of Rev. M. Titchell, Treasurer:

For Church Extension Society, M. E. Church.....\$47 10

" Freedman's Aid " " 12 07

HITCHCOCK & WALDEN,
Per W. R. MARLAY.

PARKS' CASE.

The case of Bro. Levi Parks was referred to the Presiding Elder of the Morgantown District, to be proceeded with according to the provisions of the Discipline in such cases.

Resolutions.

THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of the West Va. Conference are due to the people of Clarksburg, who have so kindly entertained us during our present session, and to the Pastors and members of sister Churches who have invited us to their pulpits, and to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for reduction of fares.

J. M. POWELL,
M. V. B. WHITE.

CONFERENCE SERMON.

Resolved, That Bro. M. Allen be requested to preach the Conference Sermon at our next session at Charleston. Alternate, H. C. Sanford.

MISSIONARY SERMON.

Resolved, That Bro. E. F. Pitcher be requested to preach the Annual Missionary Sermon before the next Conference. M. W. Rider, Alternate.

ON SECRETARIES.

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the services of our past and present Secretaries, and hereby tender them our hearty thanks.

A. J. LYDA.
J. L. CLARK.

CONFERENCE TRUNK.

Resolved, That the Conference Trunk be referred to the Presiding Elder of the Wheeling District, the Preachers in charge of the Chapline Street and of the Island Charge, Wheeling, and one of the Secretaries, with power to sort out, and deposit in a place of safety, such files, &c. as they may not deem important to be carried to the Annual Sessions of Conference.

ALEXANDER MARTIN.

Clarksburg, March 12th, 1869.

ON AUDITING ACCOUNTS.

The Committee to audit the accounts of the Presiding Elder, respectfully report:

That after a careful inspection we find that the Presiding Elders have paid promptly all the Missionary Appropriations made to the several charges in their respective districts.

F. BALL, *Chairman*.

M. ALLEN, *Sec'y*.

CHURCH EXTENSION ACCOUNTS.

The Committee take great pleasure in saying that the reports and vouchers of Bro. Arthur agree with the accounts of the Society's agent. Yet we think Bro. Arthur may have erred in judgment in his method of disbursing the funds intrusted to his care, though without any intention on his part of doing injustice to the Church or Church Extension Society.

F. BALL, *Chairman*.

M. ALLEN, *Sec'y*.

STEWARD'S REPORT.

Appointments,	Preachers.	Claims.	Receipts.	Deficien- cies.	Confer- ence Col- lections.	Rents.
MORGANTOWN DISTRICT						
Morgantown Dist...	J. B. Blakeney P.E.	\$1060 00	\$1040 00	\$20 00	\$59 75	.....
do Station	J. D. Owens.....	900 00	900 00	.....	.....	P.
do Circuit	S. Hitchens.....	600 00	600 00	.....	12 10	\$ 35 00
Smithton.....	S. Harris.....	350 00	320 86	29 14	2 50	.....
Monongalia.....	J. J. Dolliver.....	700 00	636 00	64 00	12 15	P.
do	Hunter .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brandonville.....	J. B. Feather	530 00	490 00	40 00	8 00	P.
do	J. S. Freeland.....	150 00	130 00	20 00	.....	.....
Grantsville.....	R. Laughlin	400 00	285 25	114 75	.....	.....
Kingwood.....	W. C. Wilson.....	700 00	700 00	.....	15 00	P.
do .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oakland.....	J. M. Powell.....	845 00	845 00	.....	30 00	P.
Rowlesburg.....	W. D. Carrico.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Evansville.....	C. Conner.....	640 00	640 00	.....	17 85	P.
do .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grafton & Fatterman	M. Allen	850 00	650 00	200 00	5 00	120 00
Palatine.....	M. L. Hindman...	550 00	492 00	58 00	13 00	50 00
Knottsville.....	M. McNeal.....	480 40	417 09	63 31	4 18	.....
Blacksville.....	L. D. Casto.....	500 00	500 00	.....	6 00	P.
do	Jno. Woodruff.....	150 00	150 00	.....	.....	.....
Total.....		9005 40	8510 95	494 45	185 53	205 00
WHEELING DISTRICT.						
Wheeling District...	J. L. Clark, P. E.	1200 00	1200 00	.....	.....	400 00
Fourth Street.....	W. M. Mullenix...	1500 00	1500 00	.....	130 00	P.
North Street.....	Gideon Martin	800 00	800 00	.....	11 50	P.
Island.....	J. W. Webb.....	900 00	900 00	.....	45 00	P.
Zane Street.....	F. Ball.....	1200 00	1200 00	.....	.....	200 00
Chapline Street.....	A. J. Lyda.....	1000 00	1000 00	.....	34 15	P.
*South Wheeling...	M. V. B. White...	800 00	813 70	.....	3 00	144 00
Marshall Circuit...	R. A. Arthur	800 00	800 00	.....	8 00	.....
do do	T. M. Hughes.....	200 00	200 00	.....	.....	.....
Moundsville.....	B. Ison.....	800 00	800 00	.....	10 00	P.
New Martinsville...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fairview.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pine Grove.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mannington.....	T. H. Trainer.....	600 00	600 00	.....	3 40	P.
Green.....	B. F. Rogers.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bellton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cameron.....	J. P. Farmer.....	800 00	800 00	.....	15 00	.....
Grave Creek.....	W. F. Cannon.....	610 00	610 00	.....	25 00	60 00
do do	G. Pelley	200 00	200 00	.....	.....	.....
Dallas.....	WFPoor, MDowler	167 00	167 00	.....	12 47	.....
Triadelphia.....	T. B. Hughes.....	650 00	650 00	.....	10 00	P.
Short Cr'k & Liberty	J. M. Warden	700 00	700 00	.....	9 50	P.
Total.....		12727 00	12740 70	.....	307 55	660 00
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT						
Parkersburg District	T. H. Monroe, P E	1200 00	1200 00	.....	.....	.....
do Station	J. A. Kibbe	1100 00	1100 00	.....	45 00	P.
do Circuit	A. J. Lyon.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elizabeth.....	W. C. Snodgrass...	193 00	193 00	.....	.....	.....
Williamstown.....	S. D. Jones.....	500 00	430 00	70 00	14 00	.....
do .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

* Surplus of \$13 70.

Appointments.	Preachers.	Claims.	Receipts.	Deficiencies.	Conference collect's.	Rents.
PARKERSBURG DISTRICT						
Murraysville.....	C. H. Lakin.....	\$ 500 00	\$ 500 00	.....	\$15 00	.....
do .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ravensw'd & Ripley	J. M. Smith.....	200 00	200 00	.....	.....	.....
Harrisville	S. E. Steele.....	700 00	700 00	.....	7 25	.....
Petroleum.....	Thos. Wilson, 4 mo.	90 00	90 00	.....	.....	.....
do	J. H. Kennedy, 8 mo.	250 00	167 00	.....	.....	.....
West Union.....	George W. Miller...	500 00	450 00	50 00	.....	.....
Middlebourne.....	E. B. Blunden.....	525 00	500 00	25 00	.....	.....
Glenville.....	W. W. Kelly.....	450 00	420 00	30 00	5 75	.....
Spencer	R. R. Highleyman...	425 00	415 00	10 00	.....	.....
do .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Calhoun	B. F. Rogers	300 00	300 00	.....	.....	.....
Pennsboro .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sistersville.....	E. L. Nickelson....	600 00	525 00	75 00	4 00	.....
Total.....		7533 00	7190 00	343 00	91 00	.....
CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.						
Clarksburg District	S. Steele, P. E.....	1000 00	970 00	30 00	.....	150 00
do Station	S. W. Davis.....	500 00	500 00	.....	10 00	.....
West Milford	E. Ford	476 00	353 65	146 35	.....	.....
do	J. B. Pinchen.....	150 00	112 77	37 23	.....	.....
do	M. W. Rider.....	150 00	112 77	37 23	.....	.....
do	H. M. Law.....	.....	107 50	.....	.....	.....
Weston.....	R. H. Wallace.....	600 00	200 00	292 50	.....	P.
Frenchton	A. A. Reger.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
do .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pruntytown.....	R. M. Wallace.....	566 00	535 17	30 83	24 60	50 00
do	J. Eckess.....	150 00	141 82	8 18	.....	.....
Phillippi.....	R. Northcraft.....	500 00	424 30	75 70	2 20	P.
Buckhannon Station	W. E. Williamson...	700 00	395 15	304 85	.....	.....
do Circuit	J. W. Reger.....	550 00	550 00	.....	5 00	.....
Upshur.....	G. Rogers.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fairmont.....	E. C. Wayman.....	550 00	550 00	.....	20 00	P.
Marion.....	H. C. Sanford.....	500 00	500 00	.....	8 00	P.
do .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lumberport.....	D. S. Benedum.....	401 00	322 30	77 70	.....	.....
Beverly	T. M. Hartley.....	525 00	378 33	146 67	.....	P.
Salem.....	D. Cool.....	450 00	320 00	130 00	.....	.....
Bridgeport	S. B. D. Prickett...	450 00	325 93	124 07	.....	.....
Total.....		8212 00	6800 69	1411 31	69 20	200 00
CHARLESTON DISTRICT.						
Charleston District	G. W. Richmond, P E	1100 00	1100 00	.....	.....	200 00
do Station	A. Hall.....	800 00	650 00	156 00	6 50	P.
do Circuit	B. Darlington.....	600 00	442 00	158 00	5 00	.....
Malden.....	W. E. Loomis.....	500 00	287 25	212 75	.....	.....
Raymond City	A. B. Smith.....	400 00	350 00	50 00	.....	.....
Winfield	G. W. Matheny.....	400 00	350 00	50 00	1 00	.....
Buffalo	C. H. Conway.....	300 00	187 50	112 50	.....	.....
Point Pleasant.....	M. L. King.....	700 00	400 00	300 00	.....	.....
West Columbia.....	W. H. Shaw.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hartfort City.....	E. W. Ryan.....	750 00	620 53	129 47	.....	.....
Cannelton.....	S. P. Coleman.....	225 00	122 66	102 34	1 25	.....
Fayette.....	S. J. Sayn, (S).....	170 00	122 50	47 50	1 00	.....
Summersville.....	L. H. Jordan.....	400 00	300 00	100 00	1 00	.....
Webster.....	S. S. Honnaker, (S)	164 00	164 00	.....	.....	.....
Braxton.....	Jas. Strickland, (S)	300 00	300 00	.....	.....	.....
Elk River.....	S. F. Smith.....	600 00	400 00	200 00	.....	.....

Appointments.	Preachers.	Claims.	Receipts.	Deficiencies.	Conference collect's.	Rents.
CHARLESTON DISTRICT.						
Coal River.....	— Berry (S).....	\$ 250 00	\$ 170 00	\$ 80 00	.....	.....
Kanawha City.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mill Creek	J. G. Ripley.....	400 00	260 00	200 00	.....	.....
Total.....		8059 00	6174 44	1884 50	15 75	200 00
GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.						
Guyandotte District	R. D. Rice, P. E. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
do Station	S. King.....	795 00	350 24	444 76	4 25 ^{Sup}	60 00
Catlettsburg.....	T. M. Leslie.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ashland & Coalton	J. M. Rife.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
do do	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wayne.....	C. W. Swartz.....	875 00	195 88	179 12	1 00	.....
do	J. S. P. Carroll.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hamline	B. Hagar.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Logan and Boone.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wyoming and McDowell .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Raleigh and Mercer	J. C. Beckley.....	.....	.....	.....	3 50	.....
Louisa.....	J. B. McCormick.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Paintsville	B. A. Stubbins.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pikeville.....	A. R. Crislip.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
McGoffin .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Prestonburg .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Letcher.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sandy Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....		1170 00	546 12	623 88	8 75	60 00

Recapitulation.

We find from the certificates presented by the Preachers that the Claims, Receipts and Deficiencies are as follows:

DISTRICTS.	CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.	DEFICIENCIES
Morgantown District.....	\$ 9,005 40	\$ 8,510 95	\$ 494 45
Wheeling do	12,727 00	12,740 70	.....
Clarksburg do	8,212 00	6,800 69	1,411 31
Parkersburg do	7,533 00	7,190 00	343 00
Charleston do	8,059 00	6,174 44	1,884 56
Guyandotte do	3,270 00	2,296 12	973 88
	\$48,808 40	\$47,343 34	\$1,465 06

Respectfully Submitted,

R. M. WALLACE, *Chairman.*

S. L. TOWNSHEND, *Sec'y.*

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MINUTES OF WEST VA. CONFERENCE

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	L. Preachers	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference Claims.	For Missionary Society.	For Church Extension Society.	For Tract Society	For Bible Society.	For S. School Union.	For Centenary Fund.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	
MORGANTOWN DISTRICT.																						
Morgantown Station.....	164	62	2				1	\$ 10,000	1	\$ 2,000	\$ 19 75	\$ 355 75		\$ 6 00	\$ 120 00	\$ 6 80		1	24	175	400	
Morgantown Circuit.....	325	175	1		23	4	4	6 000			12 10	33 00						6	59	382	1000	
Smithtown.....	224	3 60	3		24	1	5	1 500			2 50	4 00						6	50	197	500	
Monongalia.....	600	5 90	5		7	18	9	7 000	1	1 000	12 15	24 0						12	120	720	1150	
Brandonville.....	500	6 102	4		68	18	7	7 000	1	1 000	8 00	18 5						11	120	500	1850	
Grantsville.....	243	3 55	2		2	20	5	3 500	1	200		14 25						6	54	260	8 0	
Kingwood.....	459	1 118	1		28	18	4	4 000	1	2 500	15 90	83 53			25 00			13	125	560	1625	
Oakland.....	336	1 20	1		9	56	4	6 500	1	2 000	30 00	80 13			28 40			5	51	193	1049	
Evansville.....	409	2 126	4		45	15	5	2 500	1	400	17 85	14 40						5	3	222	900	
Grafton and Fetterman.....	173	1 27	2		23	6	2	1 60			5 00	12 00			11 00			1	23	120	600	
Palatine.....	314	1 50	5		44	2	5	4 500			13 00	16 60						6	75	330	880	
Knoxville.....	285	8 34	3		6	6	4	2 00			4 18	6 30						5	25	280		
Blacksburg.....	600	5 90	5		50	8	8	7 000	1	600	6 00	22 00						8	90	500	1200	
Rowlesburg.....	228	4 37			5	10	6	2 000				5 00						7	60	270	954	
Total.....	4860	45 946	38		334	182	69	65,100	8	9,800	\$ 186 43	\$ 719 21		\$ 6 00	\$ 184 40	\$ 6 80		92	911	4,769	12923	
WHEELING DISTRICT.																						
Wheeling Fourth Street.....	349	8 101	1		16	25	1	\$ 55,000	1	\$ 5,000	\$ 130 00	\$ 445 0	\$ 26 50	\$ 53 00	\$ 26 50			1	41	500	1200	
Wheeling North Street.....	143	2 44			13	51	1	6,000	1	1,800	11 50	132 00		2 10	5 00	3 35		2	40	370	891	
Wheeling Island.....	101	2 5	2		17	5	1	2 500	1	2,500	45 00	12 7			46 00			1	16	225	900	
Wheeling Zane Street.....	211	4 32	2		13	18	1	15,000			50 00	60 00		10 00	10 00			1	25	200	600	
Wheeling Chapline Street.....	137	2 33	2		5	41	1	6,000	1	1 5 0	34 15	14 43	7 3	4 85	8 00			1	29	200	400	
South Wheeling.....	6	26			4	1		2 00			3 00	30 00		2 45				1	23	145	581	
Marshall.....	382	80	3		21	12	8	9 000	1	400	8 05	124 0		1 75	4 82	35		7	79	350	979	
Moundsville.....	156	3 45	2		3	8	1	5 000	1	700	10 00	72 50	2 45	1 80	14 0	3 00		1	29	160	700	
New Martinsville.....	120	2 15	2		7		2	2,000				1 00					10	2	22	101	186	
Pine Grove.....	187	1 62	7		20	15	3	600										6	58	186	600	
Mannington.....	354	3 111	7		40	10	9	5 600	1	600	3 40	18 00			15 80			10	90	600	1400	
Greene.....	172	80	4				5	1 500										6	67	250	350	
Cameron.....	99	1 46			3	3	2	4,000			1 00	28 60						2	50	350	550	
Grave Creek.....	250	3 1 0	1		18	27	7	5 000			23 00	70 00				2 75		3	42	188	350	
Dallas.....	288	2 190	1		21	3	3	4 000			12 47	*83 40						3	33	220	430	
Triadelphia.....	160	2 44	1		7	13	2	5,000	1	2 700	10 00	33 35						2	24	180	100	
Short Creek and Liberty.....	163	3 1					2	5,000	1	500	9 45	13 05						2	28	100	411	
Total.....	3334	42 1 35	35		202	235	50	\$133,500	9	\$15,700	\$367 02	\$1362 03	\$11 80	\$49 45	\$ 157 12	\$53 85		50	55	714	4 425	11158

* \$10 of which is in the hands of Bro. W. F. Poore.

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.				BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			
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PARKERSBURG DISTRICT.																						
Parkersburg Station.....	300	2	140	3	20	21	1	\$ 16,000	1	\$ 4,000	4	\$ 170 00	\$ 13 00	\$.....	\$ 58 5	\$.....	\$.....	1	28	450	381	
Parkersburg Circuit.....	194	1	33	2	6	.....	3	1,50	1	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	64	160	516	
Williamstown Circuit.....	214	1	4	4	7	.....	6	6,300	1	990	14 00	16 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	35	190	.....	
Sistersville Circuit.....	285	.....	100	3	17	3	6	6,250	.....	.....	.....	24 95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	20	200	340	
Middlebourne Circuit.....	500	5	102	3	53	3	9	5,000	1	400	.....	6 00	.....	.....	14 00	.....	.....	7	100	300	1000	
Elizabeth Circuit.....	42	.....	33	1	.....	.....	1	800	.....	.....	.....	10 03	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	9	30	140	
Calhoun Circuit.....	298	2	94	2	32	16	2	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	32	173	220	
Harrisville Circuit.....	716	7	195	13	56	16	11	6,100	1	1,000	7 25	50 00	.....	2 00	2 00	5 00	.....	15	145	588	2500	
Spencer Circuit.....	324	.....	205	4	15	8	1	1,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	55	20	250	
Petroleum Circuit.....	47	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	1	350	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	5	20	60	
West Union Circuit.....	350	.....	6	3	26	1	5	3,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	140	500	1500	
Glenville Circuit.....	190	2	34	4	7	7	4	1,850	.....	.....	5 75	18 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	57	180	427	
Muraysville Circuit.....	383	4	138	4	31	28	1	600	.....	.....	15 00	15 0	.....	2 40	5 00	5 00	.....	9	110	429	540	
Ravenswood and Ripley Circuit.....	150	.....	25	2	.....	1	1	600	1	900	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total.....	3963	24	1155	45	273	104	51	\$28,000	6	\$6,630	\$42 45	\$309 98	\$13 00	\$4 40	\$87 55	\$10 00	.....	77	810	3410	7134	
CLARKSBURG DISTRICT.																						
Clarksburg.....	122	1	69	3	11	14	1	\$ 11,000	.....	.....	\$ 10 00	\$ 27 00	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 12 00	\$ 4 82	\$.....	1	13	175	350	
West Milford.....	485	2	102	5	20	5	9	8,100	1	600	.....	60 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	130	400	600	
Weston.....	250	1	30	4	12	18	2	2,000	1	3,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	70	500	2000	
Frenchton.....	47	2	190	10	20	35	9	6,300	1	100	5 00	55 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	89	470	825	
Pruntytown.....	266	1	51	2	1	4	7	5,700	1	200	24 60	43 50	1 70	3 45	6 40	10 00	.....	6	45	227	675	
Phillippi.....	290	7	98	5	24	14	9	5,300	1	800	2 22	16 50	.....	.....	16 50	1 50	.....	6	44	290	850	
Buckhannon.....	140	.....	14	2	3	7	2	2,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00	.....	.....	2	20	15	300	
Buckhannon Circuit.....	340	1	33	3	20	.....	6	4,000	.....	.....	5 00	27 85	.....	35	45	.....	.....	7	75	300	860	
Upshur.....	333	2	120	3	53	25	5	1,000	.....	.....	.....	2 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	70	250	472	
Fairmount.....	100	1	70	2	20	3	1	6,500	1	1,200	20 00	18 88	.....	.....	12 00	.....	.....	1	16	130	300	
Marion.....	262	2	61	.....	12	5	7	4,50	1	500	.....	15 00	2 0	.....	19 00	.....	.....	5	50	180	440	
Lumberton.....	183	1	128	2	11	2	6	2,700	.....	.....	.....	6 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	24	185	260	
Beverly.....	202	1	30	1	18	2	3	2,500	.....	.....	.....	8 00	.....	.....	4 0	.....	.....	4	30	6	200	
Salem.....	120	.....	40	2	8	6	3	1,200	.....	.....	1 60	8 00	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	3	10	200	300	
Bridgeport.....	9	1	49	1	5	1	3 1/2	1,200	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	20	60	100	
Total.....	3813	23	1085	45	244	145	75 1/2	\$65,330	7	\$6,900	\$68 42	\$293 86	\$3 7	\$3 80	\$77 85	\$16 32		79	716	8472	8472	

NOTE.—Pruntytown gave \$4 65 to Freedmen's Aid.

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.				BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				
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CHARLESTON DISTRICT.																						
Charleston Station.....	122	1	20	2	3		1	\$ 7000	1	\$ 1,500	\$ 6 50	\$ 30 50			\$ 14 25	\$ 2 50		1	14	100	400	
Charleston Circuit.....	348	1	94	3	43	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	30 00	.....	2 00	2 00	2 00	.....	7	55	223	460	
Malden.....	50	2	2	1	.....	8	.....	5000	1	400	.....	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	25	50	
Raymond City.....	207	1	30	2	.....	1	.....	800	.....	.....	.....	7 00	.....	25	20	25	.....	6	30	200	300	
Winfield.....	110	2	23	1	24	1	.....	400	.....	.....	1 00	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	26	100	340	
Buffalo.....	109	1	50	1	6	4	.....	1800	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	32	160	400	
Point Pleasant.....	235	2	51	4	2	4	.....	700	.....	.....	.....	11 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	80	160	600	
West Columbia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Westford City.....	233	2	35	2	4	35	.....	6000	.....	.....	14 31	27 70	.....	.....	13 80	.....	.....	2	12	60	70	
Cannelton.....	49	.....	46	4	4	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25	3 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	12	60	70	
Fayette.....	334	3	92	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	12	60	60	
Summersville.....	390	10	114	4	45	30	.....	1800	1	100	1 00	11 30	.....	.....	.....	42	.....	10	75	350	600	
Webster.....	76	.....	33	2	2	19	.....	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Braxton.....	352	4	170	2	21	73	.....	1500	.....	.....	9 00	14 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	18	80	57	
Elk River.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Coal River.....	180	3	21	6	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Mill Creek.....	265	.....	178	3	10	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	10	60	60	
Total.....	3080	32	961	40	164	219	24	\$29100	3	\$2,000	\$39 06	\$162 15	.....	2 25	\$30 25	5 17	.....	48	378	1638	3507	
GUYANDOTTE DISTRICT.																						
Guyandotte.....	156	2	15	.....	12	9	3	\$ 5000	.....	.....	\$ 5 00	\$ 10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	29	149	800	
Wayne.....	248	3	126	2	16	4	2	600	.....	.....	1 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	40	160	400	
Hamline.....	200	.....	50	4	.....	.....	2	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	20	80	150	
Boone and Logan.....	200	.....	100	4	10	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	15	50	80	
Wyoming and McDowell.....	250	.....	175	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	30	179	200	
Raleigh and Mercer.....	200	.....	100	4	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	16	80	.....	
Callettsburg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Ashland and Coalton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Louisa.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Pointsville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
* Maguffin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Prestonburg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Letcher.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Sandy.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total.....	1254	5	566	19	68	13	9	\$7200			\$6 00	\$22 0		\$1 00				18	150	698	1630	

*Transferred to Kentucky Conference.

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RECAPITULATION.	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.				BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.							SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			
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DISTRICTS.																					
Morgantown.....	4860	45	946	38	334	182	69	\$ 65,100	8	9800	\$ 186 43	\$ 718 21	\$	\$ 6 00	\$ 184 40	\$ 6 80	\$	92	911	4769	12923
Wheeling.....	3334	42	1035	35	202	23	50	133,200	9	15700	367 02	1373 73	10 80	49 85	157 12	53 81	50	55	714	4425	11118
Clarksburg.....	3813	23	1085	45	244	145	75 1/2	65,330	7	6900	68 42	283 86	3 70	3 80	77 85	16 32		79	716	3582	8472
Parkersburg.....	3993	24	1155	48	373	104	62	49,500	6	7790	87 00	309 98	13 00	4 40	98 10	10 00		85	810	3420	7874
Charleston.....	3080	32	961	40	164	219	24	29,705	3	2000	39 06	162 15		2 25	72 25	4 75		10	378	163	3496
Guyandotte.....	1254	5	566		19	58	9	7,200			9 00	21 50		1 00				18	150	698	1630
Total.....	20334	71	5748	206	1336	943	280	\$350,035	33	\$41100	\$ 756 93	\$269 43	\$27 10	\$67 30	\$ 589 72	\$ 91 72	50	379	3679	8532	45559
Total last year.....	20002	208	7957	252	1710	1074	280	362,225	2	36050	870 09	2828 12	405 61	72 73	494 00	106 69		389	3450	8162	42973
Increase.....	332								1	\$5140					\$95 72				229	370	
Decrease.....		37	2209	46	374	131		\$12 190			\$113 16		\$378 11	\$ 5 43		\$44 97		10			

FINANCIAL PLAN

*As Amended and Adopted by the West Virginia Annual Conference,
March 19th, 1863.*

PART I.

1. A meeting of the Stewards and Preachers, or Preachers in each Circuit or Station shall be held on the third Saturday after the close of each Annual Conference; the place of holding the meeting to be designated by the last Quarterly Conference of the year.

2. It shall be the duty of the Stewards at this meeting to make an estimate of the amount necessary to furnish house rent, fuel, traveling and moving expenses and support for the families of the Preacher or Preachers appointed to labor for them; and it shall be the duty of this meeting to divide the whole amount among the several classes of the Circuit or Station according to their number, circumstances and privileges.

3. It shall be the duty of this meeting to district the Circuit or Station among the Stewards, giving each his proportion of the classes to attend during the year.

4. It shall be the duty of each Steward, as soon as the estimate shall have been made, to inform each class within his district of the amount apportioned to them; whereupon each class shall appoint a committee of their own number, consisting of five members, including the leader and steward of the class, who shall, as soon thereafter as practicable, assign to each member of the class the amount which, in the judgment of said committee, each member ought, according to his or her respective ability, to pay quarterly for the support of the Gospel in the Circuit or Station, so that the entire sum apportioned by the Stewards to that class shall be provided for, which amount so ascertained shall be read to the class at the next regular meeting of the class.

5. It shall be the duty of each leader, or class Steward, to see that this amount is regularly collected and placed in the hands of the Stewards or Preachers weekly or quarterly.

6. It shall be the duty of the Stewards to circulate a subscription paper for the support of the Gospel, at all the appointments where it may be deemed expedient, among those persons who are not members of the Church, but are in the habit of attending upon our ministry.

7. It shall be the duty of each Presiding Elder in every Quarterly Conference of his District to have the name of each Leader called by the Secretary, and at the same time report the apportionment of his class, the amount received, and the deficiency, if any; to inquire if there be any of our members who refuse to contribute to the support of the Gospel; and if any, their reasons for thus refusing. If their excuses are not satisfactory, it shall be the duty of the Steward of that District or

Circuit or Station, or the preacher in charge to visit them, and try to convince them of the great evil that must result from such a principle if carried out.

8. It shall be the duty of the Stewards at every Quarterly Meeting to make a report of all the members present of the state of the finances of the Circuit or Station, stating the amount received, and the deficiency, if any, of each class.

9. It shall be the duty of the Leader of every class that may be reported deficient, to inform his class immediately after the Quarterly Meeting of the amount of their deficiencies individually.

10. Each Presiding Elder is respectfully requested to inform this Conference, when he represents his District, whether this financial system has been attended to in all his charges.

11. The Presiding Elders are required at the first Quarterly meeting of this year in each Circuit or Station to bring the subject before the Conference, that the Stewards may be confirmed as the Estimating Committee, provided for in the Discipline.

12. The last Quarterly Conference of this year is requested to appoint the Stewards and Estimating Committee for the ensuing year, in conformity with the Discipline.

PART II—CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

The Board of Conference Stewards shall hereafter be constituted by the appointment of one *preacher* and one *layman*, with an alternate from each Presiding Elders' District, in the following manner: The former by nomination and election as heretofore; the latter by a majority of votes cast in his favor at the annual meeting of the District Stewards. Each Lay Steward thus elected shall receive a certificate of his election, signed by the President and Secretary of the meeting. He shall have a home provided for him at the seat of Conference, with the privilege of sitting within the bar, and of participating in the discussion of any question of Finance that may be brought before the Conference.

The joint Board thus constituted shall receive and distribute the funds under the direction of the Conference.

PART III.

1. At each session of the Conference the Conference Stewards shall make an estimate of the amount necessary to assist "all the superannuated Preachers, and the widows and children of deceased Preachers, in obtaining a comfortable support," and to apportion the same among the different Districts, according to their several ability.

2. Each Presiding Elder shall report to the District Steward's Meeting, which fixes his own claim, the amount apportioned by the Conference Stewards to his District, and request the said meeting to divide the same among the Circuits and Stations of the District, according to their several ability; but if in any District, no District Steward's Meeting shall be held, then the Presiding Elder of that District and any two Preachers and five Stewards, whom he may select, shall apportion the required sum among the several charges, according to their several ability.

3. It shall be the duty of each Preacher in charge to collect, if possible, in such manner as the Quarterly Conference may deem best, the amount apportioned to his charge, and to transmit the same to the Conference Stewards, and report it as money raised for superannuated Preachers, widows and orphans.

4. All the money so raised shall be distributed by the Conference Stewards among the superannuated Preachers and the widows and orphans who have claims upon the Conference funds, according to their several necessities.

J. A. CAMPBELL,
Late of Bethany, W. Va.

JNO. F. McDERMOT.

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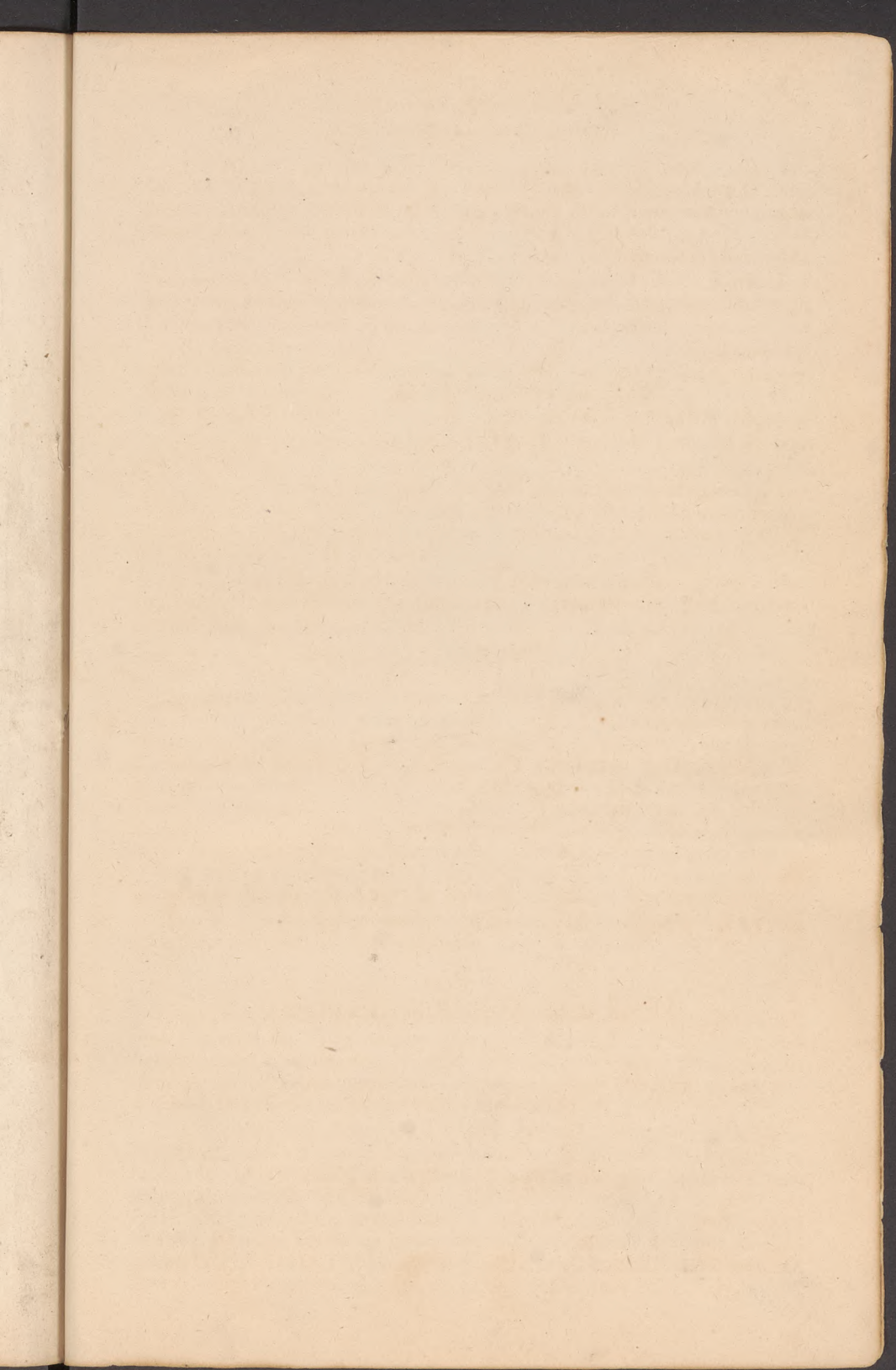
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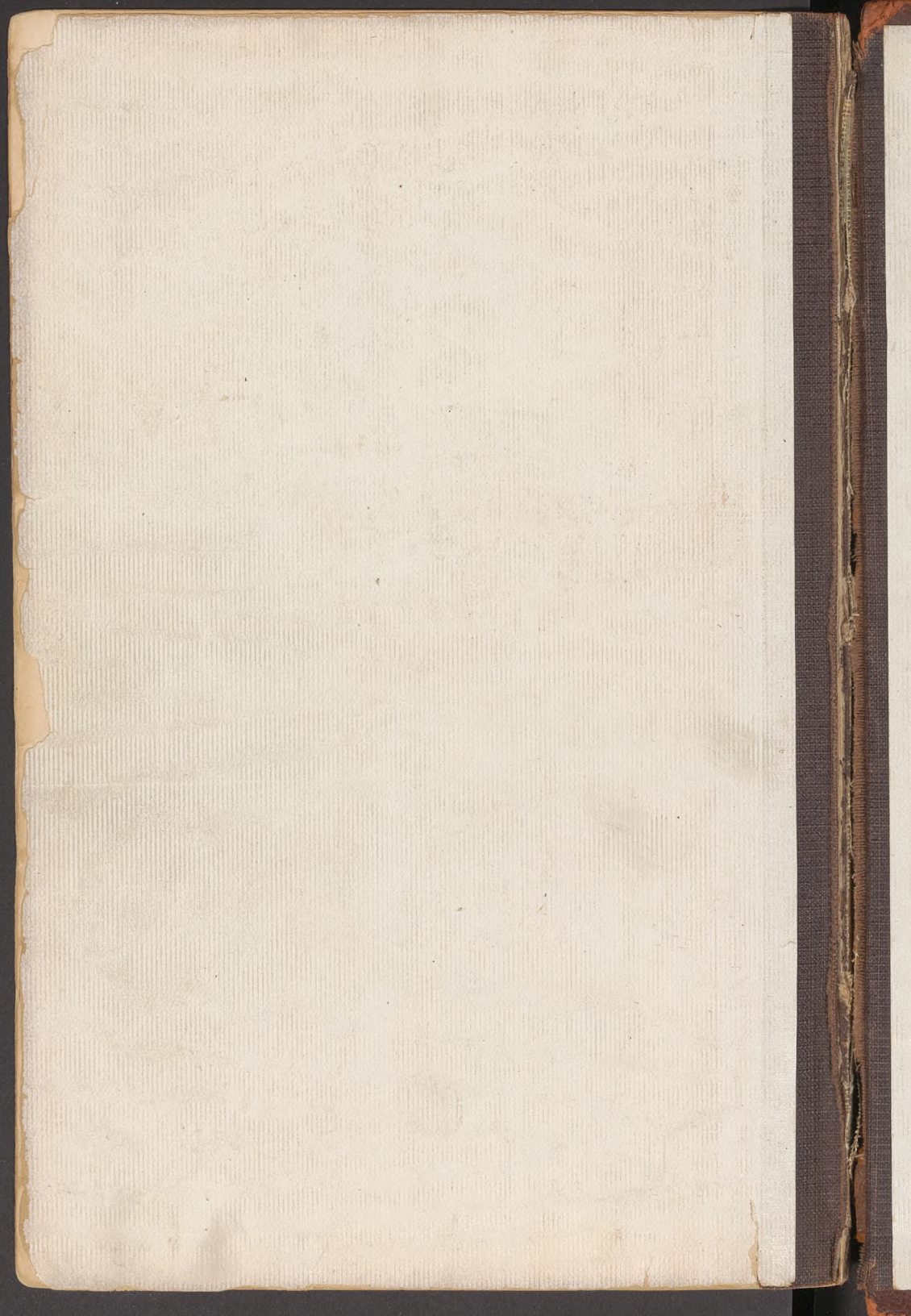
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